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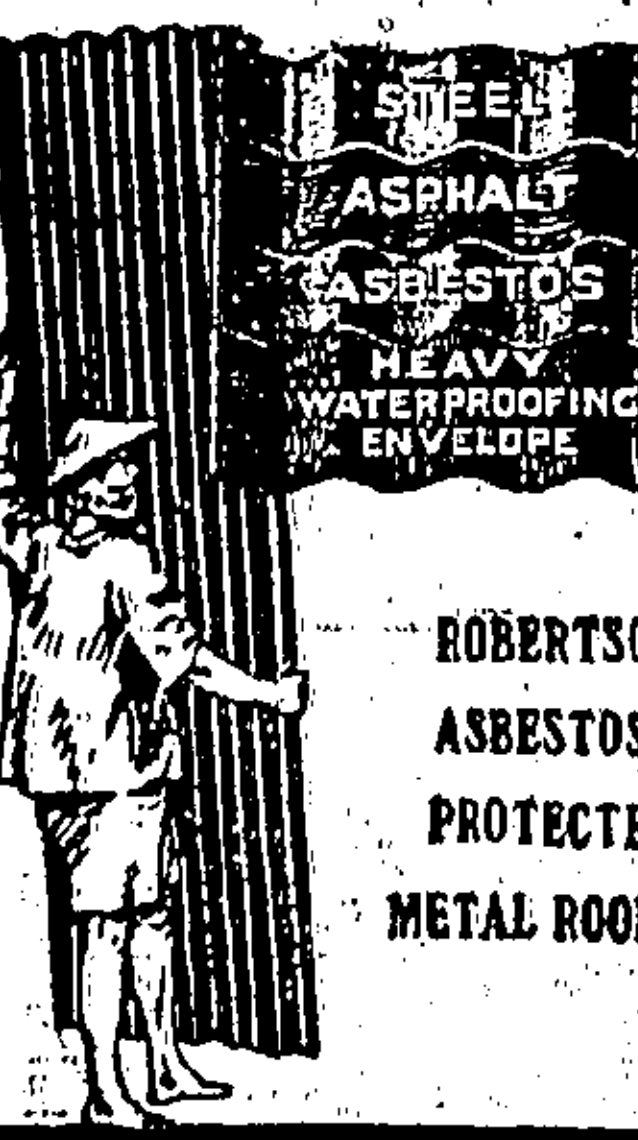
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CRUEL TREATMENT BY CANTON STRIKERS.

GOVERNMENT IMPOTENT.

Two Indian Watchmen Victimised.

The following are facts concerning the capture, by Chinese Strike pickets in Canton Harbour of two Indian watchmen employed by the Asiatic Petroleum Co. They show the efforts made to effect the release of these men, their imprisonment in chains for many days, and the cruel treatment meted out to them. They also prove the existence of a Strikers' Court and prison in Canton which was denied by Mr. C. C. Wu, Mayor of the city, and a member of the Executive, and further clearly indicate the impotence of the Government to deal with the strikers in that they were unable to afford protection to subjects of a foreign nation who were left incarcerated in a strikers' prison for 18 days.

At about 5.30 p.m. on December 18, 1925, Mr. Cadman, Resident Engineer of the A.P. Co., together with two Indian watchmen, whilst on their way to Fati Installation were fired on and held up by an armed launch manned by strike pickets. They were taken to Headquarters in the city and Mr. Cadman, after a form of trial by a Strikers' Court, was handed over to the Police Bureau the same night and subsequently released at the request of the British Consul-General. The Indians were retained in custody by the strikers. The following morning the British Vice-Consul, accompanied by the Manager of the A.P. Co., proceeded to the Foreign Office and recorded the strongest possible protest from the Consul-General in regard to the incident and demanded the immediate release of the Indians. The Vice-Consul informing the Foreign Secretary that his orders were to return without them.

Mr. Fu Ping-sheng, Secretary for Foreign Affairs, pleaded ignorance of the matter and, after discussion, despatched his Assistant, Mr. Luk, to accompany the Vice-Consul and the A.P. Co. Manager to the Police Bureau. On arrival the Vice-Consul informed the Acting Police Commissioner, Mr. Poon, that he had come to take away the two Indians whom the strikers had captured the previous day and that he could not return without them.

After some discussion between Mr. Luk and the Police authorities a letter was written to the Strike Headquarters and delivered personally by Mr. Luk. He returned within an hour stating that the Indians would be detained until they could be questioned, and that they would be released that afternoon.

The Vice-Consul thereupon informed the authorities that he was very dissatisfied with what had been done and stated his determination to go direct to the strike headquarters and request the release of the Indians.

The officials strongly advised against approaching the strikers whom they stated were ignorant men, who would probably insult foreigners and begged that matters be left in their hands.

The Vice-Consul, accompanied by the A.P. Co. representative, then proceeded to the Strike headquarters but was refused admittance. They were, however, informed by an English-speaking spokesman that the Indians had just been released.

Palpable Lies.
On December 21, two days later, Mr. Luk, of the Foreign Office, was on the British Concession and stated that the Indians had been released from Strike Headquarters at 4 o'clock on the previous Saturday afternoon. Two days later, on December 23, the British Consul-General informed the A.P. Co. that a strong protest had been despatched to the Government that day in regard to the incident. No further news of the Indians was received until December 27 when the A.P. Co. heard from an Indian watchman employed by a Chinese firm that he had seen the two men in chains in the Strikers' Headquarters' prison on December 24.

This information was immediately passed to the Consul-General, who sent his Vice-Consul, accompanied by an A.P. Co. representative, to the Foreign Office to endeavour to test this information and make a further attempt to effect the release of the captives.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR

The closing rate of the dollar, on demand, to-day was 2/8 1/2.

FREIGHT CHARGES.

THE MOLLER-THORESEN CASE.

TO-DAY'S JUDGMENT.

A case of great interest to agents of shipping firms was decided in the Summary Court this morning, the dispute in law between Moller and Company, of Hongkong, Swatow and Amoy, and A. P. Moller, ship owner of Copenhagen, being decided in favour of the latter.

A. P. Moller was the plaintiff and Thoresen and Co., the defendants. His Honour, Mr. Justice J. R. Wood, held that the evidence called by Thoresen's as to the recognition of freight in regard to the collection of commission on it had fallen short of establishing the definite practice of giving and receiving commission for freight collected, in the absence of such stipulation in the contract.

The common practice, no doubt, had been shown to exist of charging and receiving a commission on freight collected by the agent but this practice was not universal. Mr. Goggin, one of the shipping agents who had given evidence as to usage, had said that it was inconceivable that plaintiffs should have understood that the fee mentioned in their cable contract included the duty of freight collection, but it seemed to His Honour to fall short of establishing a definite practice so prevalent in this business that it might be referred to as governing the construction of this particular contract.

His Honour thus held that Thoresen and Company were not entitled under the cable contract to remuneration additional to the sum named in that cable and accordingly gave judgment in favour of A. P. Moller, with costs. In view of his decision, His Honour reversed a previous order under which plaintiffs was to pay the cost of hearing evidence as to whether evidence on "usage" should be given. The position was, he thought, analogous to the section of the code under which the court might direct that questions of law might be raised for the opinion of the court before evidence on the actual action. The costs of this preliminary hearing would therefore be costs in the cause.

A Chinese was knocked down by a motor bus at Gascoigne Road yesterday. He was injured and taken to the Kwong Wah Hospital.

strikers and that the Government cringing to the Strike Committee are powerless to effect their release.

(c) That whilst it may be possible, through intimidation or otherwise, they elect to remain in the city, it is extremely significant that I can get no definite information from either yourself or the Police as to their whereabouts.

6. I have accordingly the honour to ask you to be so good as to furnish me, within 48 hours, with some authoritative declaration as to which of the above three suppositions is the correct one. Should such not be forthcoming, I must assume that in the capital of the nationalist Government there exists an *imperium in imperio* over which the Government confessedly have no control, and I reserve to myself the right to take such further action as may seem called for, in order to safeguard the lives and liberty of the subjects of His Majesty the King in what professes to be a friendly country. I have the honour to be, Sir, Your obedient servant,

(Sgd.) J. W. JAMIESON,
Consul-General,
The Commissioner for Foreign Affairs,
Canton.

Released At Last.
On January 8, the Indian watchmen returned to Fati Installation where they were employed, having been released on the 6th. They were in a highly nervous condition but after a long rest and food, made the following statements which were sworn at the British Consulate on January 11:—

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ARMED ROBBERY.

ATTEMPT AT PERCIVAL STREET.

A SERVANT STABBED.

An attempted armed robbery took place at 10.30 yesterday morning at No. 15, Percival Street.

The occupants had left the house at the time, leaving a child in the care of a servant girl. Two men carrying a number of paint pots and brushes induced the girl to open the door for them when she was told that they had come to paint the house. The robbers soon disclosed their real motive for the visit and looked up the girl in a cubicle while they proceeded to ransack the house.

The girl gave the alarm whereupon she was stabbed in the face and back. The robbers made a hurried exit when they found that the girl's screams had attracted the attention of the neighbours.

The injured girl was taken to hospital.

MAGISTRACY ITEMS.

MERCHANTS ROBBED BY RELATIVES.

A TRAFFIC CASE.

Two Chinese merchants were complainants at the Central Magistracy this morning when four youthful relatives were charged before Major C. Wilcock with the larceny of \$766 in property and money from safes in their shop at Des Voeux Road Central.

Sergeant W. E. Meadows said that the first accused, Sze To-sing, was arrested on suspicion, and he took the detectives to the roof of the building where one of the stolen cash boxes was hidden. Another cash box was found in a trunk. The second accused was arrested on an accusation made by the first accused, and he in turn pointed out the pawnshops where a part of the stolen property had been pledged.

The first two accused were sentenced to one month's hard labour each, and the other two were discharged for lack of evidence. An order was made for the return of the property to the complainants on payment of the amounts for which the goods had been pawned, together with interest.

Jewellery Theft.

A Chinese woman was charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell with the theft of jewellery valued at \$195 belonging to another woman living at Hill Road.

The jewellery was stolen from a basket during the absence of the woman from the flat. When arrested, on suspicion, the accused had \$90 in her trouser leg. She took the detectives to a goldsmith's shop where she had sold the stolen jewellery for \$190.

The woman pleaded guilty to the charge. Asked what she did with the rest of the money, she said that she lost it on gambling. The sentence was two months' hard labour. An order was made for the \$90 to be returned to the complainant.

Touting for Hire.

A licensed motor driver was charged before Mr. Lindsell with using a private owned car (No. 1079) for purposes of public hire.

In evidence given by a plain clothes constable he said that he was accosted outside the To Yuen restaurant at 2 o'clock yesterday morning by a boy who offered him a ride in accused's car. A bargain was struck for \$2 as far as Bonham Road. The witness, however, compelled the driver to go to the Police Station on a charge of being found on the road during prohibited hours. Investigations here showed that the car was not a public vehicle.

Mr. Harry Kong, giving evidence, said that the car was left in his charge by the owner, a Chinese, who left for Canton last year. The car was used to take his friends about and also to tow disabled cars to the garage at Causeway Bay. Witness was not aware that the car had been used for public hire.

Accused was fined \$25. On his Worship advising Mr. Kong to exercise better control over the car it was stated by Divisional Inspector Peter Grant that the transfer had not been notified to the Police and the car would, therefore, not be released until the return of the registered owner.

CANTON'S BLAME.

A PRINCIPAL TO ILLEGAL ACTS.

STATEMENT IN THE COMMONS.

Hongkong Government Fully Supported.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, March 22.

In the House of Commons, replying to Mr. S. P. Viant (Labour, West Wilkesden), Mr. L. S. M. Amery, Secretary of State for the Colonies, said that the Canton Government's offer to mediate between the strikers and the Hongkong Government was based on a claim that it was not a party to the strike and boycott, but in the Hongkong Government's view that claim was violated by the fact that the Canton Government had taken no steps to put an end to the intimidation of workers or other illegal activities of the Strike Committee, by which alone the strike and boycott in Canton was maintained in flagrant violation of Treaty obligations. Therefore, the Hongkong Government was unable to regard the Canton Government as other than a principal on whom the responsibility for the continued boycott lay.

The Real Test.
His Majesty's Government fully supported the attitude of the Hongkong Government, and it now remained for the Canton Government to give proof of its sincerity and translate from words into deeds its professed desire to see the present situation brought to an end.

The Obvious.
Mr. H. W. Looker, (Conservative, South-East Essex) suggested that the Canton Government could end the strike in a moment if it wanted to, but it was influenced by its Russian advisers. Mr. Amery was of opinion that that was so.

[Mr. Looker was formerly a partner in the local legal firm of Deacon, Looker and Harston, now styled Deacon's.]

ONE OF A SERIES.

POLITICAL INTRIGUE IN CANTON.

SITUATION NOW NORMAL.

Latest reports from Canton indicate that there has been nothing of importance since Saturday afternoon.

Canton Government banknotes are now circulating as usual and the feeling of suspense has blown over.

The only difficulty is to say whether the Reds or anti-Reds, or Left Party as against the Rightists, strengthened their position in this last of a series of political coups since May last year.

What was reported in yesterday's "China Mail" as having occurred at the strike headquarters—the alarming of pickets—seems to have had an internal, political bearing, rather than any relation with foreign intercourse.

From the maze of conflicting reports it is assumed that General Chang Kai-shek or his army of Cadets, has removed possibility of opposition in Canton. Which individuals have been eclipsed as a result of the coup is not known.

LOCAL RAINFALL.

Even though people speak of "torrents" last night, the official record of rainfall for the 24 hours ended at 10 a.m. to-day is only 7/10ths of an inch (at the Observatory).

The forecast till noon to-morrow is:—N.E. winds, moderate; overcast at first, finer later.

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MAY RETIRE?

CHANG TSO-LIN TO SETTLE AFFAIRS.

ADVANCE INTO CHIHIL.

Mukden, March 15. Marshal Chang Tso-lin has wired to the Chief Executive, Marshal Tuan, stating that in conformity with the law of Nature and with the trend of popular will, he had advanced his troops into Chihil beyond the Great Wall with a view to expelling those "wicked" officials, who are taking exclusive possession of political power in Peking, as well as to maintaining peace and order in North China.

He further added that upon the restoration of normal conditions, he intended to give up his military power, to go into retirement, and to share the smiles and frowns of fortune with the populace.

Marshal Chang Tso-lin today held a meeting with the Chairman of the local Chinese Chamber of Commerce and representatives of various public bodies, with whom he exchanged views respecting measures to save the situation and also questions of financial consolidation and of the appointment of a Civil Governor of Fengtien.

It is observed that Marshal Chang has finally decided to settle the questions in accordance with the popular will and that in view of the situation he will refrain from his coming birthday celebrations.

It is understood that he will shortly proceed to Kaohsiung in order to lead a quiet life for a while.—Eastern News Agency.

\$20,000,000 LOAN.

ASKED BY THE PEKING CABINET.

(Reuter's Service.)

Peking, March 16.

It is officially announced this afternoon that the Cabinet this morning decided to adopt a proposal preferred by the Minister of Finance for the flotation of a new internal loan of \$20,000,000 which will be known as the fifteenth year loan of the Republic.

It will be secured on the German Boxer indemnity funds. Interest will be at eight per cent. and the loan will be floated at ninety, after which six per cent. will be deducted by the bankers for commission. It will be taken up in three monthly instalments.

The purposes for which the proceeds will be expended are officially stated as follows: (1) to redeem the Spring Festival Treasury Bonds recently issued to the amount of eight million dollars; (2) to meet the expenses of Chinese legations and consulates abroad for a period of three years; and (3) to meet the administrative and military expenses of the Central Government for the same period.

PUBLIC HEALTH.

OBSTACLES TO PROGRESS IN CHINA.

Dr. Reginald M. Atwater, instructor in epidemiology at the Harvard Medical School who has just returned from a visit to the Far East, discussing the obstacles to public health progress in China, at Boston on February 13, said: "Perhaps the most significant of all the inertia that comes from the firm adherence to traditions which have been their heritage through these thousands of years. The dependence of the masses on wrong ideas of disease, veneration of the old because it is old rather than because it is good, general distrust of the new because it is new, failure to profit by the scientific method and a fatal tendency to laissez-faire, these are the real obstacles to public health progress."

CHARLES FORBES.

Washington, March 16. The United States Supreme Court has denied a review of the conviction of Charles Forbes, former director of the Veterans Bureau. Forbes must serve two years in the Federal prison.—China Press.

Found guilty of the robbery of jewellery from the staff quarters at Fong Pin Hospital. Cheung Chau, two Chinese were yesterday sentenced to five years' imprisonment. His Lordship remarked that if they had used violence he would have ordered them to be flogged.

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STRIKE FEVER.

SHANGHAI MILL WORKERS' DEMANDS.

POSTAL TROUBLE AVERTED.

Subsequent to the suspension for three days of one of the ring-leaders at the Nagai Wata Kaisha Mill No. 4, Shanghai who incited the workers to insist on holiday to observe the anniversary of Dr. Sun's death, the workers raised a camp and made trouble. The riot became so bad that the police were called in from Footscray Road station, states the Chinese press, who tried to beat back the mob with rattan sticks. Continuing, the journal asserts that a foreign police officer fired a shot into the air to intimidate those concerned. Although this has been denied in official channels, says the "N. C. Daily News," the workers demand that in future police shall be forbidden entrance into the mill premises. At any rate the mob left without inflicting serious damage to the fittings.

The labourers have presented the following demands to the management:

1. The ring-leader must be excused unconditionally.

2. Full pay for the past three days, during the strike.

3. The management to pay \$50 to each of six so-called injured workers.

4. The police are to be prohibited from entering the mills and displaying or using fire arms.

Although the strike is not of such magnitude to cause much alarm it is nevertheless an incident which serves to keep alive the unrest among the industrialists.

No Postal Strike.

The Postal strike, which was expected for March 16, says the same paper, did not take place after an all-night meeting between Mr. V. Stapleton Cotton, the Acting Postal Commissioner, Mr. Zing, the Deputy Postal Commissioner, and the representatives of the workers. A compromise on the workers' demands was reached, which, in effect, means little more than that they agree to wait for a full discussion of their demands with Mr. Tollefsen, the permanent Commissioner in Shanghai, when he returns from home early next month.

The demands and the tactics of the workers seem to indicate that there was nothing to strike about, that in former days they would have petitioned for the slight changes they desire, which, in due course, would have been granted. The questions over which the workers have become agitated are apparently entirely administrative, and involve the growth of the city and the necessity for reorganization to handle the greater volume of mail matter which comes to Shanghai from all parts of the world. If the questions are left to the Postal authorities and their own employees there can be little question but that Mr. Tollefsen will find a solution, but the danger here, as in the textile industry, lies in outside influences which seize upon the slightest grievance and turn it into a great industrial problem.

PASSENGERS ARRIVED.

For a.s. "President Madison" on March 21.—Mr. A. Barton, Mr. E. G. R. P. Consturrier, Mrs. C. Chan, Mr. J. A. Cameron, Mr. Fung Pao-nan, Mr. Go Puy-na, Mr. S. P. Hicks, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Fan, Mr. H. Naito, Mr. and Mrs. L. Pong San, Dr. and Mrs. C. M. Thompson, Mr. C. Tsai, Mr. J. J. Well, Mr. W. G. Williams, Mr. L. W. Walkinshead, Mr. Geo. Arbogast, Mr. E. J. Casse, Miss P. Clark, Mr. L. Correa, Mr. C. L. Goodrich, Mr. R. M. Hamstrom, Mrs. F. Jansen, Mrs. H. S. James, Mr. J. Keifer, Mr. and Mrs. H. Latimer, Miss C. Latimer, Miss E. G. Lee, Mr. R. G. Matzene, Mr. R. H. Martin, Mr. R. J. MacDonald, Senor E. de Motta, Senor E. de Motta, Jr., Senorita L. de Motta, Mr. L. Senick, Miss V. Smith, Count F. de Sert, Mrs. C. L. Spencer, Mr. J. D. Ramani, Mrs. Salzer, Miss Salzer, Mrs. Lee, Miss Lee, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Sanders, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Bagram, Miss K. Pabs, Miss P. Farr, Rev. and Mrs. H. Goodoko, Mr. and Mrs. E. Ede, Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Cope and Miss E. M. Bain.

PASSENGERS DEPARTED.

Per "President Madison" on March 21.—Mr. Geo. Abbot, Mr. E. J. Casse, Miss P. Clark, Mr. L. Correa, Mr. C. L. Goodrich, Mr. R. M. Hamstrom, Mrs. F. Jansen, Mrs. H. S. James, Mr. J. Keifer, Mr. and Mrs. H. Latimer, Miss C. Latimer, Miss E. G. Lee, Mr. R. G. Matzene, Mr. R. H. Martin, Mr. R. J. MacDonald, Senor E. de Motta, Senor E. de Motta, Jr., Senorita L. de Motta, Mr. L. Senick, Miss V. Smith, Count F. de Sert, Mrs. C. L. Spencer, Mr. J. D. Ramani, Mrs. Salzer, Miss Salzer, Mrs. Lee, Miss Lee, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Sanders, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Bagram, Miss K. Pabs, Miss P. Farr, Rev. and Mrs. H. Goodoko, Mr. and Mrs. E. Ede, Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Cope and Miss E. M. Bain.

AGRICULTURE.

REPORT ON THE IMPERIAL COLLEGE.

SELECTION FOR ADMISSION.

The Principal's Report of the Imperial College of Imperial Agriculture Trinidad Co., copy of which has been received from the Colonial Secretary's Office, says, inter alia:—

The Academic Year 1924-25 constituted the third in the life of the College, and with it the first students to complete the Diploma Course have passed into the world.

I arrived in Trinidad on August 23, 1924, so that the year under review covers almost exactly my first year of occupancy of the post of Principal. Sir Francis Watts, K.C.M.G., my predecessor, took leave preparatory to retirement on July 4, 1924, and retired on October 31, 1924. The College is the realisation of schemes which he had long carried in his mind, and which he, happier than many another, was enabled to see reach their fruition during his active career. This is not the place to give a record of his services. As my Principal of the College he served it for two years, and we wish him well in his retirement.

There has been no increase of the staff, and only one change in the personnel. Professor W. R. Dunlop resigned on September 30, and Mr. L. Y. Sheppard, B.Sc. (Agric.), joined the staff as Lecturer in Economics, to be subsequently promoted to the post of Professor of Economics on July 10, 1925.

The Entrance Examination, which had hitherto been held for the admission to the Diploma Course of those students who did not possess any accepted qualification, having proved unworkable in practice, was discontinued, and replaced by a system of recommendation. During the course of the year the methods of selection for admission have been further explored, and the results incorporated in the prospectus for 1926-27. The matter is not a simple one, in view of the Imperial nature of the College and the fact that students may come from all over the globe. Already we have students admitted on Canadian and South African qualifications, while enquiries have been received from India, Malaya and Australia.

Admissions to the Diploma Course for the Session 1924-25 were six, making a total in the College of 18. In addition, 12 students, of whom six were sent by the Empire Cotton Growing Corporation and four by the Colonial Office, joined the College to take a post-graduate course, while four joined to take a special one-year course.

The final Diploma examination was held in June, 1925, when seven students appeared, and five qualified for the Diploma. Of these one has secured employment in Barbados, one in Guadeloupe, while two have returned to take a fourth-year course.

Of the leaving post-graduate students, four have taken appointments in the Gold Coast, two in South Africa, and one in Ceylon. One is joining the recently-established Cotton Research Station in Trinidad, and two are employed on Trinidad estates. Of the special students, two remain on at the College to take a further course, while one has secured employment in a local sugar factory. The total number of students in residence was, therefore, 34.

During the year the conditions for the Associateship have been laid down, and the first Associateship has been awarded to Mr. J. C. Hopkins. Post-graduate students who have already left are now eligible for the Associateship.

Research and Investigation. In view of the strength of the staff, which has to meet the needs of a three-year Diploma course as well as advanced courses for past graduates, the amount of research carried out is necessarily limited. In regard to bananas, the report states:—

An informal committee has been established from the combined staffs of the Department of Agriculture and the College to study the entire problem of banana cultivation and the trade. The prime consideration is the production of a banana immune to Panama disease and at the same time acceptable to the trade. Trials have been made with the Giant Fig, and efforts have been made to raise bananas from seedlings. Before the end of the year under report Dr. Harland, with the same object in view and through the kind financial assistance of the Imperial Research Committee, started upon a tour to the Eastern Hemisphere to study the banana. A cytological investigation has been undertaken, which has shown a varietal difference in the chromosome number.

In regard to sugar the report states:—An investigation, limited by the area available on seedling canes, especially with regard to milling capacity, has been undertaken. The main investigation, however, concerns the frog-hopper pest of the canes in Trinidad. A considerable amount of detailed work on this subject is being carried out by the entomological section. This work aims at tracing the relationship between host and parasite, especially with a view to determining the causes of differential susceptibility. A suggestive paper on the subject, written by Dr. Withycombe, is now in the press.

HOME NUPTIALS.

BRIDE KNOWN IN HONGKONG.

SAYERS—KENDALL.

A pretty wedding took place at Christ Church, Ealing, on February 8, when members of two old Ealing families were united. The bridegroom was Mr. Albert Edward Sayers, third son of Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Sayers, Spring Bridge-road, Ealing, and the bride Miss Margaret Ivy Kendall, daughter of the late Inspector Kendall, of Hongkong, and of Mrs. Sayers, 8, Uxbridge-road, Ealing.

The bride, who was dressed in a tulle dress, with hat to tone, was given away by her stepfather, Mr. A. E. Sayers. She was attended by her sister, who was attired in a golden brown velvet dress, with hat to match. The best man was Mr. Leslie Sayers, brother of the bridegroom.

After the ceremony, a reception was held at 3 Uxbridge-road.

The happy couple were the recipients of suitable gifts from the bridegroom's parents and the bride's mother. Others who gave presents were Miss W. Kendall, Mr. F. Kendall, Mr. A. E. Sayers and Messrs. W. and A. Sayers, Mrs. Currievall and Miss Eager, Mr. and Mrs. Peakes, Mr. H. Peakes, Mrs. Harris, Mr. and Mrs. H. Sayers, Mr. and Mrs. Godfrey, Mr. and Mrs. Bewley, Mr. and Mrs. Moody, Miss Stanton, Miss Trinder, Mrs. Coleman, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Sayers, Miss Donno, Miss Hitchen, the Misses Sayers, Miss Culliver, Freda and Leslie.

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NOTICES.

HONGKONG ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION CO., LTD.

NOTICE OF MEETING.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FOURTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of Shareholders of the Hongkong Engineering and Construction Company, Limited, will be held in the Offices of Messrs. Shewan, Tomes and Co., St. George's Building, Chater Road, Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY, the 24th day of March, 1926, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors and a Statement of Accounts for the year ended on the 31st December, 1925, and of electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 18th to the 24th March, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
S. COUNTRY COOK,
Secretary.
Hongkong, March 9, 1926.

THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING CO., LTD.

THE FORTY-SECOND ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, on THURSDAY, the 25th March, 1926, at 11 o'clock a.m. for the purpose of receiving a statement of accounts and the report of the General Managers for the year ended 31st December, 1925, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 20th March, 1926, until THURSDAY, the 25th March, 1926, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 15th March, 1926.

THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING CO., LTD.

WITH reference to the Notice to the Shareholders of this Company dated 27th JANUARY, 1926, whereby the Final Call of \$5.00 per share on the New Shares was made payable on 1st APRIL, 1926, instead of 1st FEBRUARY, 1926, the General Managers and Consulting Committee have decided, in view of the conditions prevailing at present, to further extend the time for payment of this Call.

Notice is accordingly hereby given that the date for payment of the Final Call is postponed to 2nd JULY, 1926, and that the Form of Bankers' Receipt already sent to Shareholders can be used as though the date named therein were the 2nd JULY, 1926.

For the HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING CO., LTD.,
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.
General Managers.
Hongkong, 16th March, 1926.

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FIFTY-SEVENTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on FRIDAY, the 26th March, 1926, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1925.

The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 12th to the 26th March, 1926, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.,
General Managers,
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.
Hongkong, 15th March, 1926.

A. S. WATSON & CO. LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Forty-first Annual Ordinary General Meeting of the Company (since its registration) will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 27th March, 1926, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st October, 1925.

The REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, the 19th day of March, to MONDAY, the 29th day of March, 1926, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
Hongkong, March 15, 1926.

FOR SALE.

On the instructions of the Public Trustees of England, the undersigned have been authorized to negotiate for the sale of the following properties:—

- 67/73 (Odd Numbers) Queen's Road Central on Portion of Marine Lot No. 14.
- 1/31 (Odd Numbers) Pottinger Street on Portion of Marine Lot No. 14.
- 2/32 (Even Numbers) Chinese Street on Portion of Marine Lot No. 14.
- 60/70 (Even Numbers) Des Voeux Road Central on Portion of Marine Lot No. 14.
- 156/160 Praya East on Marine Lot No. 166.
- 31, 157 Square feet of Land being The Reclamation to Marine Lot No. 166.
- 15, 16 and 17, Connaught Road Central on Marine Lot No. 887.
- 18, 28 (Running Numbers) Connaught Road Central on Marine Lot No. 868.
- 36, Connaught Road Central on Marine Lot No. 870.
- 37A, 37B, 38, 38A, 39 and 40 Connaught Road Central on Portion of Marine Lot No. 881.
- Stephen's Building situated on Portion of Marine Lot No. 881.
- 7 Robinson Road on Inland Lot No. 718.
- 9 Shelley Street on Section B of Inland Lot No. 119.
- 44 Bonham Road on Portion of Section A of Inland Lot No. 591.
- 45 Bonham Road on Portion of Section A of Inland Lot No. 591.
- 4 Peak Road on Remaining Portion of Inland Lot No. 548.
- 9 Mountain View, The Peak on Section A of Rural Building Lot No. 60.
- 10 Mountain View, The Peak on Section I of Rural Building Lot No. 60.
- 5 Stewart Terrace, The Peak on Section E of Rural Building Lot No. 9.
- 1 and 2 "Dilkusha" situated on Section A of Kowloon Inland Lot No. 529.
- 52, 453 square feet of land being Kowloon Inland Lot No. 638.
- 255 and 257 Shanghai Street, Yau-mat on Portion of the Remaining Portion of Section B of Kowloon Marine Lot No. 29.
- 132, 134 and 136 Reclamation Street, Yau-mat on Portion of the Remaining Portion of Section B of Marine Lot No. 29.
- 162, 180 (even Numbers) Reclamation Street, Yau-mat on Kowloon Inland Lot No. 674.
- 182/200 (even Numbers) Reclamation Street, Yau-mat on Kowloon Inland Lot No. 712.
- 202/220 (even Numbers) Reclamation Street, Yau-mat on Kowloon Inland Lot No. 878.
- 2,375 square feet of land being Kowloon Inland Lot No. 422.
- 439, 441 and 443 Shanghai Street, Yau-mat on Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1518.
- 631/633 (odd Numbers) Shanghai Street, Yau-mat on Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1102.
- 647, 649 and 651 Shanghai Street, Yau-mat on Portion of Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1081.
- 6,798 square feet of land being Portion of Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1081.

For further particulars apply to
MESSRS. DEACONS,
Solicitors,
1, Des Voeux Road Central,
Hongkong, March 20, 1926.

NOTICES.

THE HONGKONG & WHAMPOA DOCK CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of Shareholders will be held in the Office of the Company, 2, Queen's Buildings, Hongkong, on MONDAY, 29th March, 1926, at Noon, for consideration of the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1925.

The SHARE REGISTER AND TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 23rd to the 29th March, 1926, (both days inclusive). By Order of the Board of Directors,
R. M. DYER,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 18th March, 1926.

THE HONGKONG SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS.

ANNUAL MEETING.

THE ANNUAL MEETING will be held on MONDAY, 29th March, 1926, in the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co. at 5.30 p.m. to pass and adopt the Accounts for the year 1925 and to elect Officers, etc.

Will anyone willing to join the committee or take office please send their names to the undersigned.

J. L. FROST,
President & Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, March 22, 1926.

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"DELTA"	8,007	13th April	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"DEVANTRA"	8,155	17th April	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KALYAN"	9,141	21st April	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"MAEDONIA"	10,089	25th April	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KASHEGAR"	9,006	29th April	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"MALWA"	10,919	3rd May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KHYBER"	9,141	7th May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"WANTA"	9,141	11th May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KARNATA"	8,113	15th May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KARNATA"	16,583	19th May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"DELTA"	8,007	23rd May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"MAEDONIA"	10,089	27th May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KALYAN"	9,141	31st May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"MALWA"	10,919	4th June	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KASHEGAR"	9,006	8th June	Marseilles, London & Antwerp

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"TILWA"	10,000	24th April	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
"SANTHA"	7,754	1st May	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
"TALMA"	10,000	11th May	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.

EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (South)

"A. KAPURA"	6,000	7th April	Malla, Kolambagan, Sandakan
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	10th April	Thursday Island, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne.
"TANDA"	6,959	2nd June	do.
"ARAFURA"	6,000	7th July	do.

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"JAPAN"	6,062	15th Mar.	Yokohama, (direct) Kobe & Osaka
"TILWA"	10,000	31st Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
"MAEDONIA"	11,089	2nd April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"SANTHA"	7,754	8th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"PERIM"	7,449	12th April	Shanghai & Kobe
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	16th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"KASHEGAR"	9,006	20th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"TALMA"	10,000	24th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"KHYBER"	8,114	28th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"TANDA"	6,959	1st May	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"MALWA"	10,919	5th May	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"MAEDONIA"	10,919	9th May	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"PAPUA"	6,807	13th May	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"KARNATA"	8,007	17th May	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"ARAFURA"	6,000	21st May	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"KASHEGAR"	9,006	25th May	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"KARNATA"	16,583	29th May	Shanghai only
"MAEDONIA"	11,089	31st May	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"KALYAN"	9,141	3rd June	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"MALWA"	10,919	7th June	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"KASHEGAR"	9,006	11th June	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"MORRA"	10,919	15th Sept.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe

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OPIMUM TRAFFIC.

IMPERSONATING A CUSTOMS OFFICER.

A SHANGHAI CASE.

In H.B.M. Police Court on March 17, before Magistrate G. W. King, O.B.E., Arthur Percy Agate, 24, unemployed, living in a boarding house at No. 48 Range Road, again appeared on remand to answer "For that he on the 3rd day of March, 1926, within the Consular district of Shanghai did falsely and deceitfully personate an officer of the Chinese Maritime Customs with intent fraudulently to obtain property, contrary to section 101 of the False Personation Act 1874."

"Further that he did on the same day, within the Consular district of Shanghai did steal 250 lbs. (approximately) of Persian opium, the property of a person to the complainant unknown in a ship called the 'Kaho' upon the navigable river Whangpoo, contrary to section 15 of the Larceny Act 1916."

"Further, alternatively, that he did on the same day, import into China or deal in narcotics, contrary to the Narcotic Prohibition Regulations 1924."

Mr. V. Priestwood, again appeared on behalf of the Crown Advocate to prosecute, while Mr. L. K. Kentwell represented the accused.

In the course of his judgment His Worship said: I have to decide upon the evidence before me, and I have already said that I am already carrying a very heavy burden. I have got the evidence practically in my mind and it balances very slightly one way or the other, and I do it, with the feeling and sense of gravity of what I am doing, when I find against the accused and find him guilty.

Now the British Government has shown quite clearly that they cannot countenance this trade of dealing in opium and it becomes British subjects in China, where we are still under extrajurisdiction, to obey the law. Trading in opium is not a clean trade; it is not a trade in which British subjects should be mixed up in. I cannot see how I can show any leniency in this case. I sentence the prisoner to three months' imprisonment.

Mr. Priestwood: I made an application that, after the expiration of his sentence he should be deported.

Magistrate: There is not such provision to empower me to do that, when the accused is sentenced to less than three months, and then the Crown, if they talk about deportation, must satisfy me first as to what security this unfortunate man can find.

Mr. Priestwood: Well I think something adequate in the way of security should be made to ensure his future good behaviour. The Magistrate: Well I make an order that he find two sureties of \$500 each—British subjects—and enter into personal recognisances of \$500.

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JAPAN'S NAVY.

SQUADRON TO VISIT CHINA.

It has been the custom of the Japanese Government to dispatch a squadron of warships to China for the purpose of inspecting the situation in this country.

The Japanese fleet will arrive in Shanghai this year on March 25, according to the Japanese Military Attaché there. The fleet will carry more than 2,000 marines. They will arrive in Shanghai on March 26, leaving for Kiangyin on March 31 and arriving at Nanking on April 1.

It will be at Tatung on April 4; Kiangyang, the next morning; arriving at Tientsin on April 8; Hankow, April 9; Matung, April 13 and return to Wuhu on the 14th and arrive at Choushan Islands on the 18th of that month.

The fleet will return to Japan about April 21.—Kuo Wen News Agency.

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March 12.
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MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Russia" leaves Shanghai to-day at 4 p.m.
The B. L. S.S. "Benarty" from Leith, Middleboro, Antwerp, London and Straits left Singapore for this port on March 17, and is due to arrive here to-day.
The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Canada" arrived at Shanghai on March 21, at 7 a.m. and left yesterday at 7 a.m. She is due at Kobe to-morrow at 2 p.m.

SHIPPING MISHAP.

"SUNNING" ASHORE ON BUTTON ISLAND.
NO CASUALTIES.

With reference to the report in this paper on March 18, the "China Press" of March 17 had the following:—

The China Navigation Co.'s s.s. "Sunning" (Captain G. D. S. Mills), which sailed from the French Bund at noon on Sunday for Antoy and Hongkong with cargo and passengers, went ashore on Button Island at 7 p.m. the same day. Immediately the casualty occurred, Captain Mills caused all precautions to be taken for the safety of passengers and crew, but fortunately these precautions proved unnecessary, and after being aground for exactly one hour the "Sunning" refloated on the rising tide, and afterwards proceeded back under her own steam to Shanghai, where she arrived yesterday. We understand that the second officer of the vessel was in charge of the bridge, and immediately before the accident occurred.

Although the "Sunning's" double bottom is believed to be somewhat seriously damaged, its full extent will not be known till the vessel goes in dock to-day for a thorough examination. We understand it is probable that an inquiry will be held at an early date.

Anna Sarto, sister of the late Pope, Pius X., is critically ill, following an operation. She has been in straitened circumstances, since her brother, on his death in 1914, did not provide any allowance for her, but left his small possessions for charity and religious works. The sister has continued to occupy the tiny apartment in St. Peter's Square, which she rented to be near her brother. Another sister lived with her, and the Vatican gave them a small allowance, which has remained unchanged, since 1914. Anna Sarto has been cared for by her nephew Mgr. Parolin.

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ANYO MARU	Wednesday, 14th April
BOKUYO MARU	Saturday, 29th May
SEATTLE & VANCOUVER via Shanghai & Japan Ports.	
SHIZUGA MARU	Wednesday, 31st March
YOKOHAMA MARU	Thursday, 15th April
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP via Singapore & Port.	
FUSHIMI MARU	Friday, 23rd March, at 6 p.m.
HAKOZAKI MARU	Saturday, 10th April
SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila & Port.	
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NEW YORK and/or BOSTON via PANAMA.	
MAKESABE MARU	Thursday, 22nd March, at 11 a.m.
LISSON MARU	Monday, 5th April
BUENOS AIRES via Singapore, Durban & Cape Town.	
KANAGAWA MARU	Friday, 23rd April
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TOYOOKA MARU	Monday, 29th March
CALCUTTA via SINGAPORE, PENANG & RANGOON.	
MORIOKA MARU	Tuesday, 30th March
NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.	
MISHIMA MARU	Friday, 23rd April
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.	
KANAGAWA MARU	Tuesday, 23rd March
KITANO MARU	Tuesday, 23rd March
HAKATA MARU	Friday, 26th March
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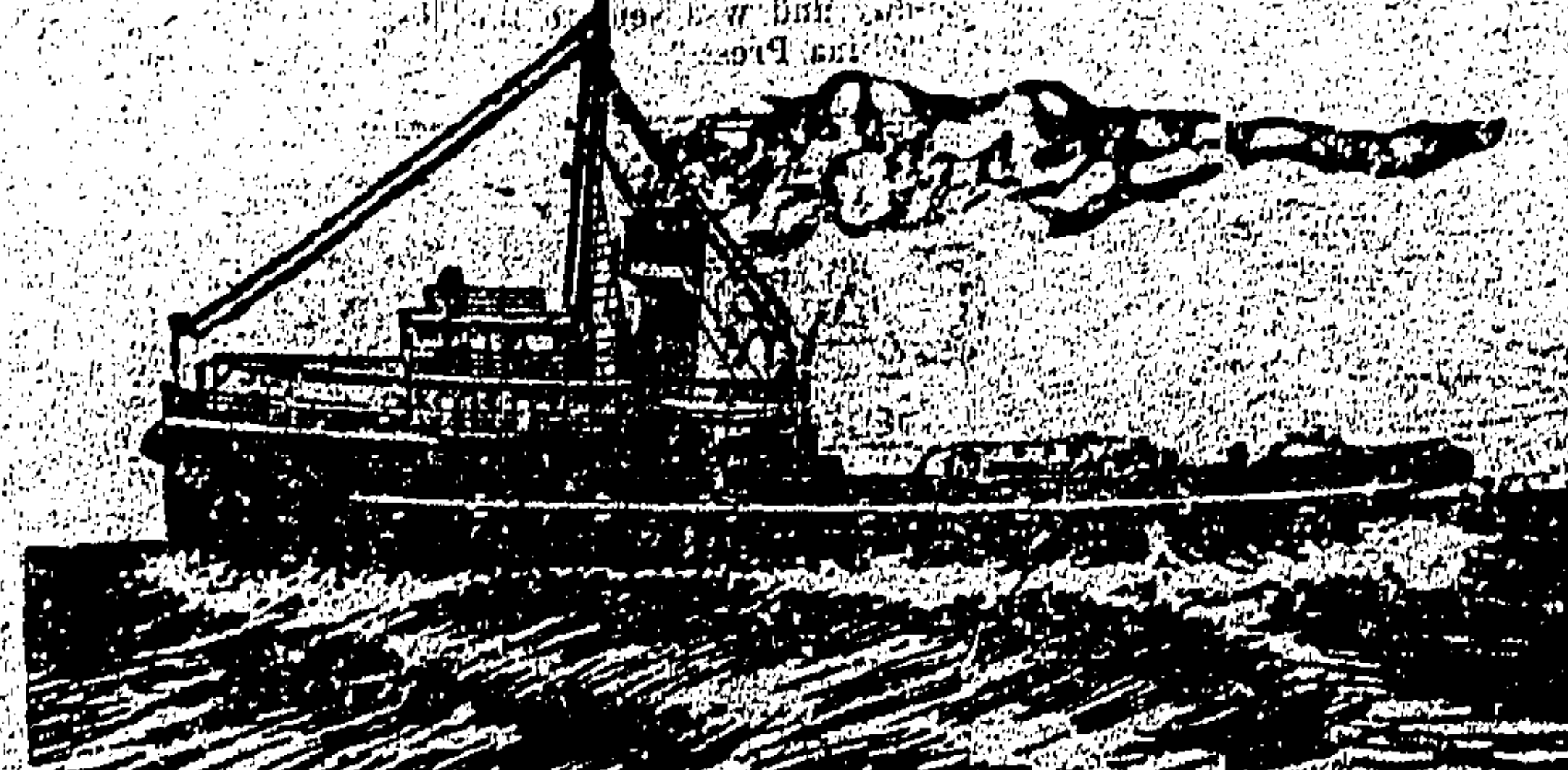
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SHANGHAI

A good proverb would be:
People who live in Hongkong
shouldn't throw stones. Thus,
when the delinquencies—fancied
or real—of any other place, are
mentioned, we would not add to
any strictures accompanying
them. We feel this way after
what Mr. Harry Franck has said,
or written, about Shanghai. Mr.
Franck is a gentleman—an Ameri-
can—who "hikes" round the world—
visiting its out-of-the-way
corners. After doing so, he goes
home, writes a book and, has it
published. He has done it several
times. His name suggests frank-
ness! And he has been very
frank about Shanghai. Says he,
in so many words: "If God toler-
ates Shanghai, He owes an
apology to Sodom and Gomorrah."
There the quotation ends. What
Mr. Franck was "let in" by some
boarding house, or got a poor
drink at the biggest bar in the
world, we know not. Shanghai
may have defects, but it has
virtues as well. And even if
Shanghai requires not our aid to
justify its claim to reason and
righteousness, we submit them
nevertheless, feeling as a volun-
teer feels when compared with
ten pressed men. We place her
virtues, not in order of greatness,
but as they occur to the mind.
There is the orchestra, main-
tained by the municipality—a non-
paying place of uplift if ever there
was one. There is a branch of the
Royal Asiatic Society; a Short
Story Club, and societies for
American and English women. The
Community Church expresses it-
self in attractive modern guise;
and there is Mr. George Matheson
and his Mission to Ricksha-men—
so well supported by the Shang-
hai community. And some
Shanghaiers have a habit we
wish Hongkong might adopt.
When a person dies they not only
spend money on the perishable
wreath, but some of them dip
deep down in their pockets and
send subscriptions to charities in
memory of the departed one.
There was not one rigorous per-
son left in the biblical cities. We
submit there are a few in Shang-
hai. Shanghai, it is said, does
not care for Mr. Somerset
Maugham. It must positively
hate Mr. Harry Franck.

To-day the Fascists are cele-
brating the seventh anniversary
of the foundation of their party.
It was first known as Fascio di
Combattimento, and at the in-
augural meeting, which was pre-
sided over by Benito Mussolini and
which was held in a small back
room in Milan, there were present
about 200 adherents. Two years
later, in 1921, the Fascio di Com-
battimento became the Fascist
Party, and in the general elections
of that year some thirty Fascist
members were returned to Parlia-
ment. Seven years ago, Signor
Mussolini was still at heart a
Socialist, and was fighting stub-
bornly the Socialists only, for their
anti-national attitude, and not
Socialism. The political pro-
gramme which he laid down before
the first assembly of the Fascio di
Combattimento is to-day scarcely
even mentioned. Indeed, it would
be difficult to find another example
of more pronounced political evolu-
tion than that obtained by compar-
ing the original Fascist political
creed with that which Fascists pro-
fess now a days. The Fascist pro-
gramme in 1919 contained, among
other things, the following items:
abolition of the Senate, introduc-
tion of woman suffrage, partial
workers' control in industry, a
heavy progressive tax on capital,
sequestration of religious prop-
erties, a National Assembly which
could regulate the Constitution,
sequestration 85 per cent. of war
profits, and the nationalization of
all factories for arms and explo-
sives. Mussolini has travelled far
in seven years, but there may be a
limit even to his dictatorship.

LIVING COSTS.

HONGKONG INDEX FIGURE
WANTED.

WHAT HAS BEEN DONE.

On "Cost of Living," the latest
annual report of the Hongkong
Chamber of Commerce says:—

In the last Annual Report it was
mentioned that the Chamber ap-
proached the Government on the
subject of compiling an index figure
of the cost of living in Hongkong,
stating that such a figure would
undoubtedly be of considerable
value, both to the Government and
the Commercial Community. The
Chamber had not the machinery for
collecting the necessary statistics,
but suggested that the Government
might find it possible to undertake
the work, by collaboration between
various Departments, and so make
the figures on this subject which
already appear in the official Trade
Returns more comprehensive.

The Government, in a reply dated
January 28, 1925, stated that it
was not considered possible to
obtain other figures than those
already published in the Trade Re-
turns, but suggested that it might
be of interest to compile statistics
derived not from Government, but
from the experience of European
assistants in business concerns.

The Committee replied that in
their opinion considerable difficulty
would be found in compiling
statistics of this kind, and that the in-
formation so obtained might prob-
ably not be of sufficient wide range to
be a safe guide to the cost of living.
There the matter rests at present.

CHILI-PERU AWARD.

Atien, March 18.

An agreement on the method for
consulting President Coolidge on
the award between Chile and Peru
is believed virtually impossible
without a new understanding,
which necessitates early diplomatic
representations to Washington.
The Peruvian ambassador, who
was in Atien, said that the Peruvian
Government was not prepared to
accept the award until the Chilean
Government had accepted it. He
said that the Chilean Government
had not yet accepted it.

HELD IN CHAINS.

(Continued from Page 1.)

Statement of Gagan Singh.

"On the afternoon of the 18
December, as we were proceeding
away from the s.s. "Ronam" our
boat was fired on to the extent of
about 12 shots, and immediately
afterwards a steam launch bore
down on us and ordered us to
stop. We were then ordered to
get into this steam launch, but
refused to go till Mr. Cadman
told us it would be better to do so.
On boarding the steam launch
we were at once bound with ropes
and beaten. A little later we saw
searchlights and we thought that
the gunboats were coming to our
rescue so we attempted to jump
into the river but were stopped
by the strikers and beaten down
into the boat. Eventually we
were landed on the front build-
ing somewhere beyond the 'Sun' Co.
They then took our turbans off and
tied them round our necks with
two men at each side pulling in
opposite directions. On the way
to the Tung Yuen we were kick-
ed and beaten both by the
strikers and the mob following.
When we reached Tung Yuen we
were put into chains which bound
our necks to our feet and which
did not allow us to assume a
standing posture. We were in
these chains for 1½ hours after
which time they disconnected the
chain joining our necks to our
feet and we could stand straight,
but still in chains. The judge of
the Court then told us that as we
had been serving in a British boat
we would be shot. After this we
were taken by two men beating
us the while and put into a cell
where they stripped us of all our
clothing except our pantaloons.
The next morning at 9 a.m. a
bowl of rice was brought to each
of us and when we attempted to
eat it some of the rowdier
strikers threw bits of beef into
the bowls and we were, therefore,
unable to touch it. The next
morning the 20th at 9 a.m. rice
was brought again and the same
thing happened. Whereupon we
told them that we could not eat
beef and that if they did not give
us something without beef in it
we would die of starvation. This
bore fruit as on the morning of
the 21st we were given straight
rice to eat. This was our first
meal since our capture. During
our confinement in prison we
were ordered to clean the latrines
and when we refused to do this
we were beaten and instead we
were made to clean floors which
were covered with all sorts of
expectorated matter and filth.
This we had to throw into the
gutters outside. On January 1,
a watchman friend from
Wongsha named Rajit Singh
brought us three or four blankets.
The strikers gave us one of these
blankets between the two and
kept the rest. On January 5, we
were told that we had to go to
the Police Station and when we
got there we were asked if we
wanted to go back to the A. P. C.
We said "yes" and were eventual-
ly released at 5 p.m. Then we
went to Wongsha, still in an
unclothed condition and joined
our watchman friend there at
7 p.m. and spent the night with
him. At 9 a.m. on the 7th we
went to the Tung Yuen to try and
get our clothes back. I was
given all my possessions with the
exception of my great coat and
boots, both company uniform.
Hongkong \$15 and my gold
wrist watch. We had to wait
from 9 o'clock in the morning till
5 p.m. before we got these. On
the morning of the 8th we took a
sampans from Wongsha and went
back to the Company's installa-
tion at Fat.

Statement of Hira Singh.

"On December 18, about 5 p.m.
Captured at 7 p.m. Taken on shore
with hand tied behind. We
were made to sit down and one
man each side struck us with
their fists. They then took our
turbans off and put a twist round
our necks with them. We were
led to Tung Yuen and on the way
our captors kept pulling our
heads backwards and forwards
with our turbans. We were taken
to the office and searched. We
were bound in a squatting posi-
tion for one hour in the office.
One man then said: "If you go
back to the English or Shamen
we will shoot you." I said:
"shoot me then" and they then
kicked and hit me with their fists.
We were then put in a cell. We
were then told we were going to
be shot. We were given a small
bowl of rice every day at about
9 a.m. When we were taken to
the lavatory by the duty man
they struck us every time. The
guard sometimes put beef in my
rice so that I had to throw it
away or break caste. We were
told to clean the lavatories as
well as the cells. When I tried
to explain that I could not clean
lavatories they punished and
kicked me. We were in chains
every day and night until the
23rd January. We had no bedding
but only a few foot stools. On

the 6th we were taken to Kung
On Kwok (Police Headquarters)
with only hands tied. I went to
the Railway Station at Wongsha
at 7 p.m. and stayed with friends.
At 9 a.m. 7th, I went to Tung
Yuen Headquarters for my
clothes with Rajit Singh. They
gave me my clothes at 5 p.m.
after all men saying they did
not know who had the key.
Rajit Singh got a sampans for
me this morning and I went
back to A.P.C. I had \$30 with
me which has not been returned
and Gagan Singh had a gold wrist
watch and \$15.

"The Strikers' Way!"

An American journalist who
had spent some time in the city
studying conditions recently saw
Mr. C. C. Wu, Mayor of the city
and member of the Executive,
and asked him why the Govern-
ment allowed a Strikers' Court to
exist in Canton. Mr. Wu replied
that there was no such thing
whereupon the journalist informed
him that he had just come from
the Strikers' Court and seen
their prison and also their pris-
oners. Mr. Wu suggested that
it was the strikers' way of dealing
with their own, whereupon the
journalist cited a case in which
an itinerant vegetable seller was
sentenced to three weeks' impris-
onment by the strikers for sell-
ing goods to a foreign boat.

There is a further report from
the two foreign business men who
had reason to visit the Strike
Headquarters on December 22,
to retrieve some seized cargo.
They have stated that they saw
two Indians in chains with prac-
tically no clothing in the strikers'
court and from the descriptions
given by them there appears little
doubt that they were the A. P. C.
watchmen.

We shall doubtless hear in due
course what the local Government
have to say in this matter
and what action they intend to
take against those responsible for
the ill-treatment of these two
Indians. The Chinese are pro-
fessing friendship for what they
are pleased to term the "oppressed
peoples" and these peoples can
note from the foregoing the treat-
ment that is likely to be meted
out to them should they venture
into the capital of the Nationalist
Government when the Strike
Committees hold sway.

Illuminating Comment.

The following letter was also
sent to the Foreign Commis-
sioners:—

H.B.M. Consulate-General,
Canton.

January 11, 1926.

Sir,
Having reference to my
letter of January 6 on the subject
of the arrest by strike pickets
of two British subjects, natives of
India, I have now the honour to
inform you that the men in ques-
tion were released in the afternoon
of the 8th instant. As I had antici-
pated, there was no truth what-
ever in the suggestion that they
were unwilling to return to
Shameen.

I enclose copies of sworn state-
ments respecting the treatment
which was meted out to them, and
request that you will take im-
mediate steps to recover the
money and other property not yet
returned.

With regard to the enclosed
statements I would observe that
this incident affords an illuminat-
ing commentary on present day
methods of judicial administra-
tion in China. That two perfect-
ly inoffensive foreigners, guilty of
no offence whatsoever, simply
carrying out their duties in the
service of a British Company pur-
suing its lawful business, should
have been detained in chains and
should have been deprived of
means of communicating with
their Consular representative is
outrageous.

Officials of the Canton Govern-
ment have on repeated occasions
intimated to His Majesty's Vice-
Consul, newspaper correspondents
and others that such things as
strikers' courts, prisons, etc., do
not exist. In view, however, of
what has happened to these men
I venture to assert that those who
made such statements are either
unaware of what is going on prac-
tically next door to their own
offices, or that they are wilfully
attempting to mislead public opin-
ion abroad. Full particulars of
this case are being communicated
to the Government of the Punjab,
who will doubtless make due note
thereof and will not fail to point
out to those concerned what
treatment members of what Chin-
ese orators term "the oppressed
peoples" may expect at the hands
of their so-called friends, and
what value is to be placed on their
altruistic expressions of sym-
pathy.

I have the honour to be Sir,
Your obedient servant,
(sgd) N. FRIMATICE
Vice-Consul.
(In the absence of His Majesty's
Consul-General)
The Commissioner for Foreign
Affairs,
Canton.

FULL RETREAT.

KUOMINGHUN DEFENCE
BREAKS DOWN.

BOTH FRONTS AFFECTED.

(Reuters Service.)

Tientsin, March 21.

The Kuominchun defence has
broken down, and they are in full
retreat from Lanhsien, which was
captured by the Fengtien forces
after a continuous artillery bom-
bardment.

Americans Save Bridge.

Tientsin, March 22.

The Kuominchun is rapidly
withdrawing on both fronts, a
large proportion of the troops
having already passed Tientsin,
suggesting that Tientsin will be
evacuated and a stand made at
Fengtai. The Fengtien forces have
penetrated as far as Kuyeh.
After the last Kuominchun
train had passed they attempted
to blow up a bridge near Kuyeh,
but American troops, who were
guarding the neighbourhood, frus-
trated them.

British and American patrols
are guarding the entrance to the
Concessions, owing to reports
from villages in the vicinity of
Tientsin which are infested with
soldiers, that there has been con-
siderable looting.

No further trouble is reported
from Taku, and the bar lights
have been re-lit.

Tientsin Evacuated.

Tientsin, March 23.

Tientsin was completely evacu-
ated by the Kuominchun troops
this morning and the city taken
over by General Li Ching-lin's fol-
lowers, who had been secreted in
the foreign concessions. They are
armed with rifles and automatic
pistols and intend to hold the city
pending the arrival of Li Ching-
lin's troops.

All shops are closed.
Considerable looting has taken
place in the native city and the
suburbs.

The entrance to the Japanese
Concession is barricaded and
strong guards have been posted.
It is reported that the Kuom-
inchun collapse was due to the cut-
ting of communications between
Tatung and Kalgan by the Shanai
army, which endangers the whole
Kuominchun forces in the field.

No trains are able to run be-
tween Peking and Tientsin to-day.

Reasons for Debacle.

Peking, March 23.

The successful retreat of the
Kuominchun forces which is tak-
ing place on all fronts is due partly
to a shortage of ammunition,
expected supplies not having
reached Marshal Feng's army.

The order for a general defeat
was given on Saturday when
Chang Chi-ching sent out the
circular telegram previously re-
ported.

The retreat on the Machang
front began yesterday morning,
although Lu Chung-lin's forces
had been thrown back a con-
siderable distance during the pre-
vious three days.

Defence measures are being
taken at Yang Liu-ching, where
a strong rearguard is expected to
hold on until all the retreating
forces have passed.

Meanwhile additional troops
have reached Fengtai, Tung
Chow, and Yangtsum. The Feng-
tai first and the Tung Chow second
are rearguard positions. The lat-
ter has been strengthened in order
to ward off possible attempts by
the Fengtien army to cut off the
Kuominchun forces in the region
of Peking.

Farther back there are still
considerable Kuominchun con-
centrations in the Nankow Pass.
Troop trains are arriving all day
long from Tientsin.

It is reported that the Kuom-
inchun troops in the Jehol region
are also falling back on Nankow direct.
(The stand at Fengtai and Tung
chow is likely to be of some dura-
tion, for these points will not be
abandoned until the Kuominchun
troops in the vicinity of Paoingtu
are reached here.)

Meanwhile the outlying units are
hastily concentrating on Paoingtu.
Sun Yach is reported to be at
Langfang. Lu Chung-lin and staff,
also Tang Chi-yao, have arrived in
Peking this morning.
Lu Chung-lin is at present dis-
cussing with the Cabinet measures
for the preservation of order in
Peking during the retreat.

Chia Teh-yao has agreed to carry
on the Premiership whilst the
Kuominchun retain the military
control of Peking.

He who is encouraged by recog-
nition, sympathy and help from the
best minds of his time experiences
more happiness than anyone can
realize.—Professor Einstein.

"Did you make those biscuits,
my dear?"
"Yes, darling."
"Well, my dear, you wouldn't
make any more, sweetheart."
"Why not, dear?"
"Because, angel mine, you are
too light on such heavy work!"

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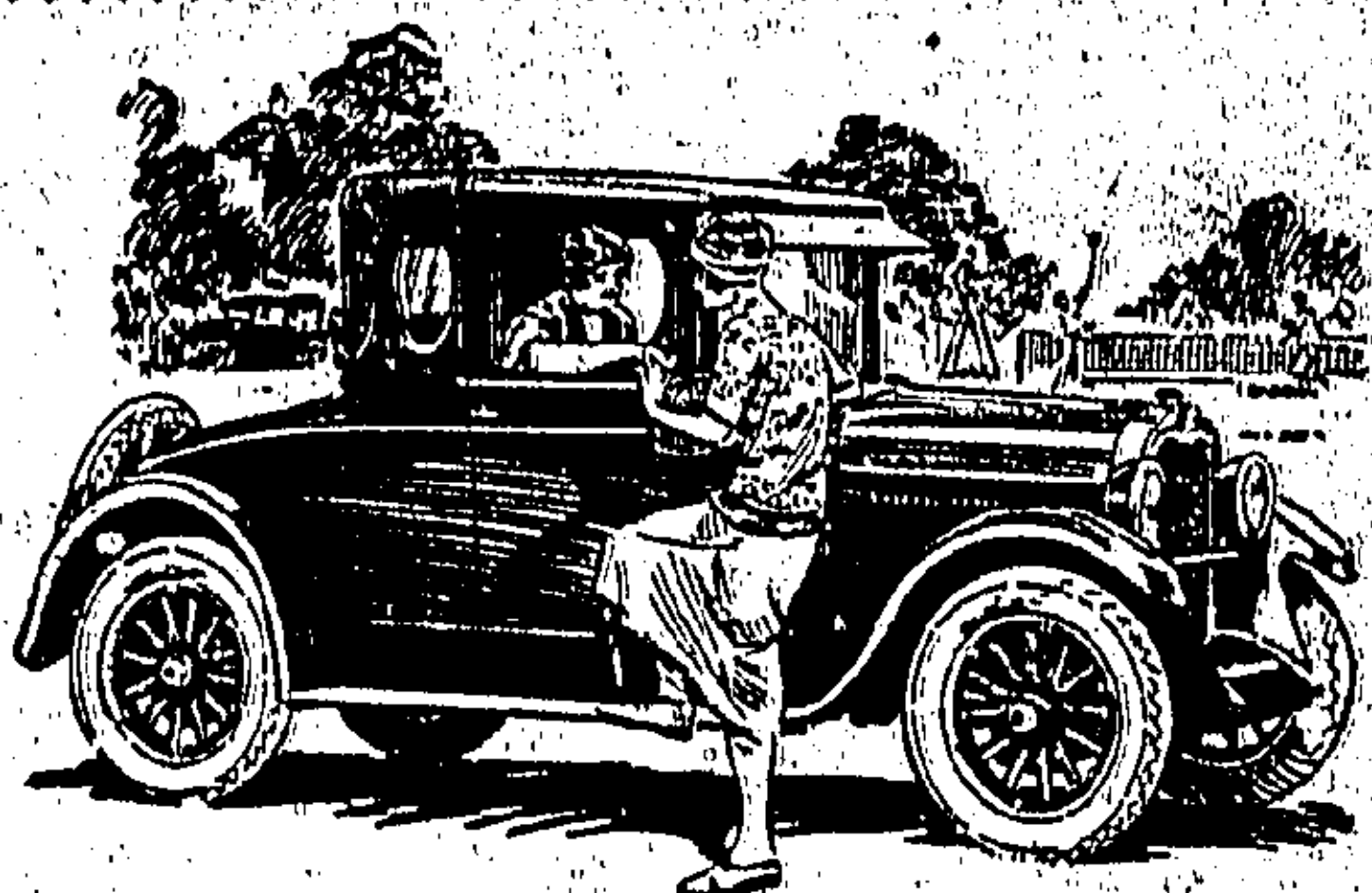
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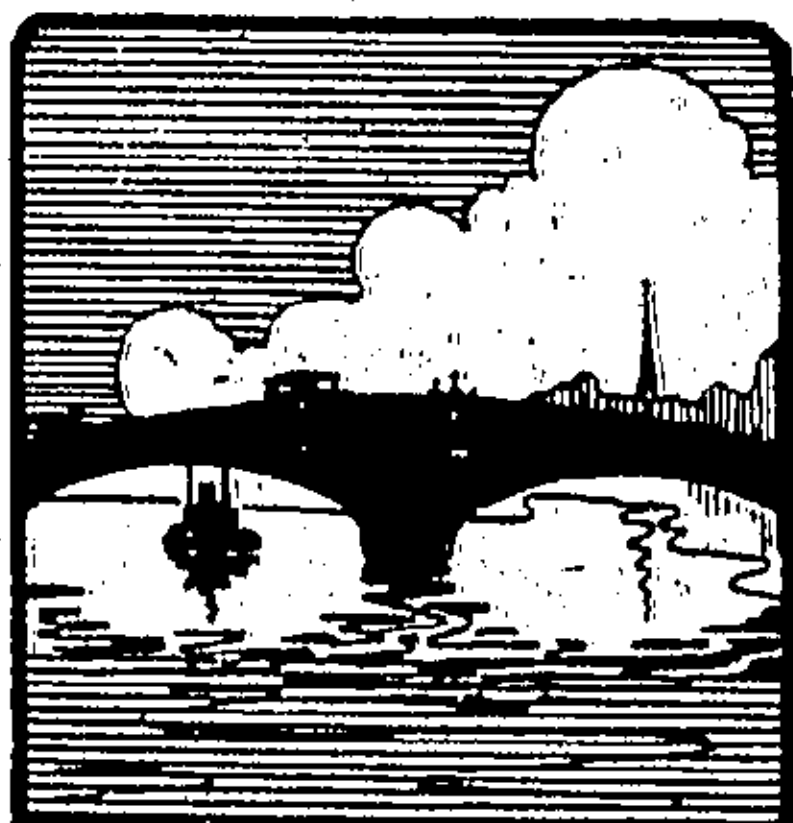
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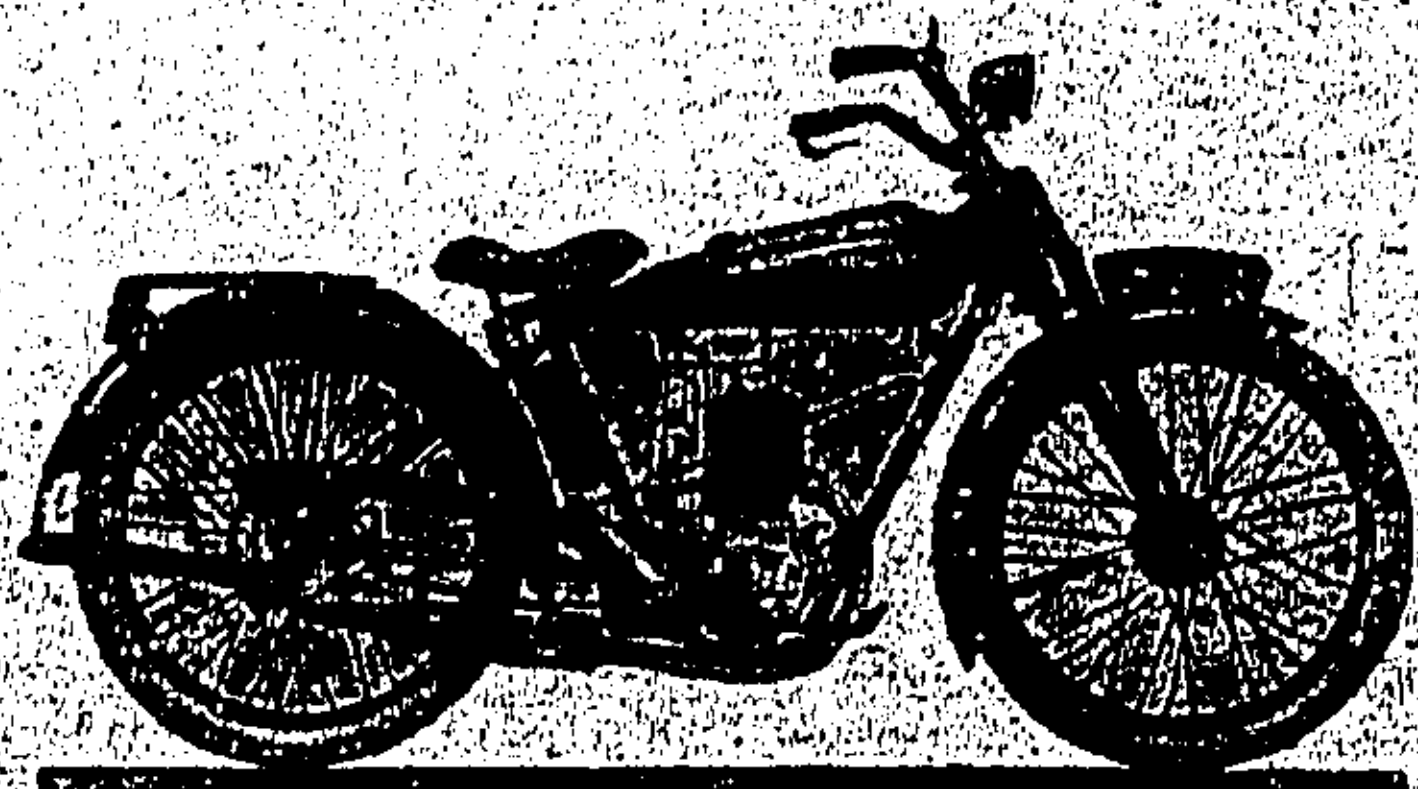
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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Keeping a pawnshop is apparently profitable. The fee for one at Bagan Tunn, Kowloon, Province Wellesley, is \$1,000 per annum.

The return of notifiable diseases for the 48 hours ended Sunday, shows one imported Chinese case of smallpox, and one Chinese case of diphtheria.

In February 9,335 Chinese immigrants arrived at Singapore, making 40,804 for the two months, of whom 27,577 were adult males. The departures for the two months were 12,568.

The annual meeting of the Hongkong Auxiliary of the British & Foreign Bible Society is to be held in the Helena May Institute on Friday next at 5.15 p.m. Commodore Stirling is to preside, the speakers being Rev. G. W. Sheppard and Dr. T. W. Pearce.

Under the provision of the Betting Ordinance, the Governor in Council has been pleased to exempt generally from the provisions of the Ordinance the members, and officers of the Penang Turf Club in respect of any totalisator or pari-mutuel promoted by it solely for its members.

While Chinamen are meeting in Cardiff to organise a great petition for a reprieve of Lock Ah Tam, the Birkenhead murderer, Orientalists, of whom there are many thousands, in London refuse to move in the matter. "It would be impossible," said an influential Chinaman to "Reynolds's," "Lock Ah Tam is highly respected among my countrymen here, and they are terribly sorry for him, but he is a naturalised Englishman, and on that account he is nothing to us, in the sense that we should make special efforts to save his life. In London we think the English law has done its work fairly, and although we sympathise with Lock Ah Tam, who has been a good friend to many of us, we shall do nothing. We can only regret the passing of an esteemed and illustrious friend."

Sir Esmé Howard, the British Ambassador, addressing the American Advertising Club at a luncheon given in his honour, stated his conviction that Great Britain had turned a difficult corner and was now on the road to a recovery in prosperity.

A Jewish evening university, being opened in Odessa for the benefit of workers and employees who cannot attend day classes. It will offer courses in economics, engineering and literature. It is the first institution of higher learning in which the Yiddish language will be exclusively used.

An electric bulb giving 1,000,000,000 candle power without the aid of any reflectors or glasses has been constructed in Leningrad by Professors Gekkel, Bulgakov and Mitkevich. A test of the lamp in an electro-technical experimental laboratory proves that with the help of glasses the bulb can give a light of several billion candle power.

"You may know Mr. This, or Mr. That, but you will never know the average Englishman because he does not exist." So M. Andre Maurois told his audience of 500 students and friends of students in Paris. M. Maurois thinks the quality of our humour, as much as any single thing, marks us English from the French. The Englishman, he says, loves the absurd, which the Frenchman simply refuses to accept.

M. Maurois sees this love of extravagant humour everywhere in English life and in the English point of view. Another difference between his people and ours is in their respective appreciations of beauty. He instances the English country house, often—unlike the dwellings of the corresponding class in France—rambling and of irregular architecture as to its exterior, but a stronghold of comfort within, and beautiful "with the beauty of ancient things long loved."

The Soviet Trade Mission in Persia has recently concluded a contract with the Persian Government for the coinage of 3,000,000 tomans (about \$3,000,000) of Persian silver money.

Two empty chairs, draped in crimson cloth, accommodating portraits of Mr. Harry Pollitt and Mr. Hammington, who were present in spirit, were a novel feature of the special conference of action by the National Minority Movement on March 21 at Battersea.

There was once a time in London when, except in the chop-houses of the City, it was nearly impossible to obtain the services of a British waiter. Now the British waiter is rapidly supplanting the foreigner. It has at last been realised in this country that waiting, like every other trade, is one which requires to be learned in proper schools, and several technical classes for waiters have now been set up here. The L.C.C. is responsible for one institution of the kind. This movement is due entirely to the action of patriotic managers, notably Mr. Reeves Smith, of the Savoy, Mr. Towles of the L.M.S. and Gordon Hotels, and Mr. R. C. Vaughan, Chief of the House of Lords.

Early in 1923 an important book will make its appearance. It is Squire Osbaldeston: His Autobiography, with an introduction by Sir Theodore Cook, editor of "The Field," and many illustrations in colour and black-and-white. For nearly a hundred years the existence of these Memoirs has been suspected, and their discovery, awaited with impatience by every sportsman, has recently been made by Mr. E. D. Cuming. Squire Osbaldeston was perhaps the greatest sportsman of any age or country, and his Memoirs describe with the racy freedom of the true fox hunter his extraordinary career as M.P.H., Match-rider, Steeple-chaser, Racing man, Cricketer, Boxer, Runner and Billiard player, in all of which he excelled.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

The Bishop of Southwark has decided to beg from door to door in the wealthier parts of his diocese. He is taking this desperate step owing to his failure to raise £100,000 for new churches in his diocese by the usual methods.

Few works have been more warmly anticipated than the "Life of Christ," which Sir Hall Caine is writing. He has made slow but steady progress with this great work, and it is quite possible we shall see the book this year. In the meantime, Sir Hall has left his home at Hampstead and gone back to the East, where he studies at first-hand the background of the greatest story in the world.

A Gilbertian situation enlivened the meeting at the Savoy Hotel, which was called as a protest against the reported intention of Winston Churchill, Chancellor of the Exchequer, to divert part of the motor taxes from the road fund to other treasury needs. Lord Derby accepted an invitation to preside at the luncheon, under the mistaken impression that it was to uphold the Chancellor's views. After Lord Derby, in blissful ignorance, had made a speech lauding the diversion of road funds, a great clamour broke out. J. H. Thomas, the Labour leader, said: "What on earth are you doing here? I put it to you—you have not earned your lunch." Lord Derby, accepted the situation philosophically, and managed to act the role of Balaam in a manner which smoothened the incident to an amusing interchange of good-natured banter.

Choose a young team for the Walker Cup contest, is the advice of British golfing experts, backed by Cyril Tolley, who captained the team sent to the United States two years ago. Mr. Tolley says that twenty of the best players should be warmed off their possible selection for the team, and that each should take the warning seriously so as to be in readiness for inclusion in the final eight chosen. A possible Walker Cup team, with their ages, has been proposed from among the following: Charles Heslet, 34; Sir Ernest Holderness, 35; Roger Wethered, 26; Robert Harris, 43; T. A. Torrance, 34; W. B. Torrance, 37; John Wilkie, 35; E. T. Storey, 24; Geoffrey MacCallum, 21; Cyril Tolley, 29; W. L. Hays, 23; Carl Bracher, 23; H. B. Michael, 30; 47; Ronald Hamilton, 23; E. U. G. Martin, 32; W. A. Murray, 30; and E. J. G. Souley, 24.

Professor W. Brown has returned from Home leave and resumed his duties at the University.

Mrs. Charlotte Houston, wife of the Assistant Harbour Master at Calcutta, fell dead in a Southend shop.

The engagement is announced between Major A. C. Gordon Smythe, I. A. Burma Military Police, and Dorothy May, widow of H. Lloyd Cowdy, of Ipoh, F. M. S., and daughter of Mrs. Herbert Percival, of 25, Victoria Square, S. W. 1.

The following officers were successful in their examinations in Malay: Dr. W. C. Kelly, Miss A. M. Scott, Dr. A. Dickson Wright, Miss A. M. Waugh, Mr. D. W. Dale, Mr. E. Smith and Mr. E. H. Tunn—all in Standard I. In Standard II Mr. W. S. Corry, Mr. A. K. McKenna, Mr. A. W. Frisby, Miss M. B. Lewis, in Standard III Mr. J. R. Neave.

Last month a solitary London morning newspaper featured a report that the King would shortly go on a holiday in the Mediterranean, and that the Prince of Wales would act for his Majesty during his absence, and this brought into close touch with the Government. Subsequently it was officially announced that the statement was totally untrue.

Pleas and oratory are the chief terrors of Russia, according to Mr. Shimatani, who lectured in London last month on the recent Japanese "fight from Tokyo" to London and Rome. The long Siberian miles and uncharted spaces of the Gobi desert were not the only obstacles to flying over Russian territory, he said. Hotels in Siberia were so infested with vermin that the Japanese airmen found it impossible to get a night's rest and had to take to sleeping in their planes. Then when they had done their day's flight the airmen were subjected to such colossal doses of Russian hospitality and oratory that welcome receptions became a horror. Their plane engines, which had been at Khabarovsk, were broken down, becoming dead and lying under the wheels. They set through 200 miles of Russian territory, and then landed in their camp near Khabarovsk.

The Shanghai A. D. C. is to stage "The Merry Widow" towards the end of April. No pains are being spared to make the production a gala one in every way.

A chorus of seventy-five young women, all students of the Miyagi in Sendai, presented the oratorio "St. Paul." This is the first time, reports the "Japan Times," that a standard oratorio has been given by a chorus composed entirely of Japanese. The director, accompanist, soprano and contralto are all teachers in the College. The following assisted: Miss Mary Hoffheims, director, Miss Mary Schneider, accompanist, Mrs. W. G. Seiple, soprano, Mrs. Ryu Yoshida, contralto, Mr. E. H. Zaugg, tenor, and Mr. C. D. Kriete, baritone.

The National Council of the Independent Labour Party has informed Mr. Ben Spoor that his recent articles on the relations of the Labour and Liberal Parties and the attitude of the Independent Labour Party represent such a divergent view from that of the I.L.P., that it is not desirable that his official connection with the Party, as one of its Members of Parliament, for whose candidature the Party is responsible, should continue. The North Eastern Council of the I.L.P., in which Mr. Ben Spoor's constituency is situated, has endorsed this opinion.

"Quality is better than quantity" was the comment made by Sir William Arbuthnot Lane, consulting surgeon to Guy's Hospital, and editor of The Practitioner, in reviewing the British vital statistics for the past year, which show the birth rate to have been 18.8 per 1,000, which is the lowest on record except for the war years 1917 and 1918. It was far better, he said, to produce a few healthy vigorous children than numerous feeble or stupid ones. Much wisdom was exhibited in these low figures. Unfortunately, however, there was no evidence that this wisdom extends to the less desirable elements of society. "The birth rate need not provoke anxiety," he said, "if we are prepared to teach the people proper methods of living. The number and extent of diseases traceable to the drink of vice and over-eating, and the habits of the people, are the main causes of the high birth rate."

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HOME SOCCER.

THREE ENGLISH LEAGUE RESULTS.

WEDNESDAY WIN AGAIN.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, March 22.
Football matches to-day in the English League (home team given first) resulted:—
Division I.
Notts County 1, West Ham 1.
Division II.
Wednesday 2, Notts Forest 0.
Division III (South).
Millwall 2, Brighton 0.
The respective tables now stand:—

Division I.

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Huddersfield	34	10	5	7	48	48	48
Arsenal	33	18	6	9	70	59	41
Sunderland	31	17	6	11	80	64	40
Sheffield U.	35	15	7	13	86	72	37
Bury	34	17	3	14	73	71	37
Manchester U.	34	15	6	11	52	53	36
Aston Villa	33	12	11	10	68	59	35
Everton	36	9	17	10	62	65	35
Newcastle U.	32	12	10	11	68	62	34
Blackburn	33	12	10	11	75	73	34
Liverpool	33	11	8	15	64	63	34
Leeds U.	33	11	11	11	55	50	33
Bolton W.	34	14	5	12	62	60	33
Tottenham	34	12	8	14	56	66	32
W. Bromwich	34	12	8	14	65	62	32
Birmingham	35	13	6	16	56	66	32
West Ham	34	13	5	16	56	66	31
Cardiff City	33	13	5	15	50	64	31
Leeds U.	34	12	6	16	57	65	30
Notts County	34	10	7	17	45	55	27
Burnley	34	9	9	16	64	62	27
Manchester C.	34	8	10	16	73	85	25

Division II.

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wednesday	34	2	5	8	7	42	47
Derby C.	33	10	6	8	63	35	44
Chelsea	33	10	10	7	67	39	42
Swansea	32	17	5	10	65	46	39
Port Vale	33	17	4	12	68	53	38
Oldham	33	16	6	11	59	47	38
Middlesbrough	35	18	1	16	68	59	37
South Shields	34	16	4	14	62	52	36
Wolves	35	15	5	15	55	48	35
Blackpool	34	14	7	13	65	61	35
Portsmouth	34	14	7	13	66	65	35
Hull City	33	13	8	12	52	44	34
Preston	33	13	4	16	58	73	32
Barnsley	30	11	12	7	50	60	31
Southampton	34	12	6	16	51	54	30
Darlington	35	11	8	16	58	63	30
Bradford C.	33	11	8	14	37	50	30
Pulham	33	9	8	14	36	62	26
Clapton	34	9	6	16	41	57	24
Stoke	33	8	6	16	42	67	24
Notts Forest	33	8	7	17	32	59	23
Stockport	34	6	8	20	40	79	20

Division III (South).

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bristol C.	34	18	9	7	55	31	45
Reading	33	18	9	6	59	39	45
Millwall	33	16	9	8	55	28	41
Plymouth	33	17	7	8	51	27	41
Brighton	33	17	6	10	71	50	40
Gillingham	34	16	5	14	47	38	35
Southend	33	16	3	14	63	54	35
Swindon	33	15	5	13	52	49	35
Luton	34	14	6	14	65	65	34
Aberdeen	32	14	4	14	63	52	32
Norwich	33	13	6	14	66	64	32
Newport	34	12	8	14	51	57	32
Watford	33	12	8	13	65	67	32
Bournemouth	33	12	7	14	49	73	31
Crystal P.	32	12	2	18	55	59	31
Charlton	32	9	12	11	38	45	30
Merthyr	34	11	8	15	52	63	30
Brentford	33	13	4	16	57	75	30
Norwich	33	11	6	16	46	60	24
Bristol R.	34	10	6	18	50	53	26
Exeter	33	9	6	18	50	52	24
Q. P. R.	34	5	8	21	30	65	18

FISCAL BOGEY.

OLD CRY OF PREFERENCE RAISED.

CONSERVATIVE SNUBBED.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, March 22.
In the House of Commons, Mr. A. R. Jacob (Conservative, East Toxteth) suggested that with a view to extending British markets, and relieving unemployment, Mr. L. S. M. Amery, Secretary of State for the Dominions and Colonies, should do everything possible to arrange preferential treatment for British goods in our Asiatic Colonies and Dependencies.

Mr. Amery, in his reply, pointed out that with one or two exceptions, goods imported into Hongkong and Malaya were not subject to import duty. There were no Customs duties in Aden. He was not in a position to interfere in the internal administration of North Borneo and Sarawak. The Legislative Council of Ceylon a few years ago rejected a proposal to grant preference to British goods, and he was not prepared to open the matter again at present.

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RACE MEETING.

WEIGHTS FOR THE THREE HANDICAPS.

SAFE GUIDE TO FORM?

With Mr. F. Sutton now back and doing the handicapping for the Jockey Club, local punters will study with interest the weights he gives out, as a guide to form for other events.

For the first extra meeting on April 3, the following have been allotted:—

Race 2—Hinton Plate "A" Class Handicap (6 Furlongs).

San Diego 168 lbs., September 162, Home Call 162, Firwork 162, Dahlia 160, Rothasay 160, Tacoma 159, Sunburst Rose 158, Melody Dahlia 155, Cultra 155, The Regent 154, Sher Khan 153, Dobbin 152, Loch Rannoch 152, Boston 152, Suracen 151, Dundragon 150.

Race 3—Hinton Plate "B" Class Handicap (6 Furlongs).

Sand Piper 168 lbs., The Gezer 167, Grey Streak 167, Raridan 167, The Gowk 166, Blotting Paper 166, Bay of Bellingham 164, Emperor (late King Emperor) 164, Golden Pheasant 162, Barley Grass 161, Donaghadee 160, District Call 159, Mowgli 156, King's Favourite 155, Craigavad 154, Reynolds 152, Tutix 151, Folly 150, Invader 148, Jambu 148.

Race 7—Lincolnshire Handicap and Local Option Cup (1 1/4 Miles).

Saligia 167 lbs., Brigade Call 158, San Diego 157, Cultra 156, September 152, Daisy Dahlia 149, Tacoma 148, Sunburst Rose 147, Melody Dahlia 144, The Regent 143, Loch Rannoch 141, Boston 141, Dobbin 141, Suracen 140, Demon Boy 139, Grey Streak 138, Raridan 138, The Gowk 137, Bay of Bellingham 135, Golden Pheasant 133, Barley Grass 132.

[If top weights does not start, all weights to be reduced 10 lbs.]

FANLING STEEPLECHASES.

Owners are reminded that entry forms must be sent in before noon this Friday, to Dr. F. Pierce Grove, Alexandra Building, for the Fanling Hunt Steeplechases to be held on Easter Monday, April 5, at the Kwai racecourse. The first race starts at 12.30 p.m.

The following will represent the Hongkong Hockey Club tomorrow at U.S.R.C., at 5.15 p.m., weather permitting, against the H.K.S.R.A.—E. W. Hamilton; C. H. R. Oxlade; W. Woodward; A. S. Hett; E. J. R. Mitchell (capt.); Rev. E. W. L. Martin; R. K. Valentine; B. R. Forster; E. D. Lawrence; Lt. E. H. Jacobs; Larkcom; R. E., and B. D. Evans.

The following will represent the H.K. Volunteers in a cricket match against Mr. A. A. Rumsdahl's XI. at the University ground on Sunday next, March 28, at 11 a.m.—E. J. R. Mitchell (capt.); H. Owen Hughes; F. N. Young; G. R. Sayer; A. W. Ramsay; J. C. Lyal; E. C. Fincher; S. J. H. V. Parker; G. P. Lamman; and H. C. Burgess. (Bus leaves H.K.C.C. at 10.45.)

FIRE AT SEA.

OUTBREAK ON "SUMATRA MARU."

NO CONSIDERED SERIOUS.

(Reuter's Service.)

Cochin, March 22.
The steamer "Sumatra Maru" has arrived here with her cargo on fire. It is not considered serious, and she has left for Colombo.

LATE OF MALAYA.

DEATH OF MR. R. G. WATSON.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, March 21.
The death is announced of Mr. Reginald George Watson, C.M.G., was educated at Haileybury, and entered the Civil Service, Straits Settlements, in 1888. He was Protector of Chinese in Perak in 1891, and Senior Magistrate of Selangor in 1899. Three years later he became Secretary to the Government, and the posts he held later were: Senior Magistrate, Perak, 1901; Commissioner of Lands and Mines, Federated Malay States, 1903; Commissioner of Lands and Surveys, 1906; Federal Secretary, 1909; British Resident, Selangor, 1911; Perak, 1912-19. He retired in 1919.

OVER THE STICKS.

SILVO AT LINGFIELD PARK.

HOME STEEPLECHASING.

(via Colombo.)

London, March 22.
The results of the Lingfield Park Chase (32.5 miles) was as follows:—
Silvo (P. Ross) 1
Clashing Arms (J. Anthony) 2
Forewarned (Burford) 3
Three run.
Silvo won by eight lengths; a bad third.

Silvo was the only Grand National entrant.

Betting:—5 to 2 on Silvo, 100 to 30 against Clashing Arms, and 8 to 1 against Forewarned.

HOME RUGGER.

RESULTS AHEAD OF THE MAIL.

(via Colombo.)

Oxford, March 1.
The inter-collegiate "rugger" final resulted as follows:—
Brasenose 27, Queen's 4.

London, March 2.
In the inter-hospitals rugby competition cup, St. Thomas beat St. Bart's by 15 points to 3 at Richmond.

London, March 4.
In the Hobbs memorial rugby match at Bedford, Barbarians beat East Midlands by 21 points to 7.

CHANNEL SWIM.

MISS HELEN WAINWRIGHT PREPARES.

(Associated Press.)

New York, March 5.
Preparations for an attack on the English Channel next summer are being made by Helen Wainwright.

The Olympic ladies' champion says she expects to make several long distance swims this month to help groom her for the big test against the channel. Miss Wainwright is devoting much time to developing her stamina and resistance.

Since the failure of Gertrude Ederle to conquer the Channel, Miss Wainwright has been fired with the ambition to be the first woman to negotiate the waters from France to England.

DANISH FLIGHT.

HERSCHELD'S COMPANION MISSING?

NO CAUSE FOR ANXIETY.

(Reuter's Service.)

Copenhagen, March 22.
The Danish airman, Lieutenant Herscheld, who is flying to Tokyo, has arrived at Aleppo from Constantinople.

There is no news of his companion, Lieutenant Botvend, of whom Lieut. Herscheld lost sight near Eskişehir, but it is felt that there is no cause for anxiety.

[A Copenhagen cable of March 18 reported: The Danish army airmen, Botvend and Herscheld, departed at eleven o'clock this morning in two aeroplanes in an attempt to fly to Tokyo via Bagdad, Calcutta, Bangkok, and Peking.]

INDIAN EMIGRANTS.

BRITISH GUIANA ASSEMBLY APPROVES.

(Reuter's Service.)

Delhi, March 22.
After three months' negotiations the question of Indian emigration to British Guiana has ended, the Assembly approving the emigration of 500 families of unskilled labourers, not exceeding 1,500 persons.

"PERPLEXING."

MR. HOUGHTON'S SWEEPING INDICTMENT.

A QUEER CONCIDENCE.

(Reuter's American Service.)

New York, March 22.
The London "Times," in an editorial referring to the "perplexing and embarrassing coincidence" of Senator Borah's proposal and Mr. Houghton's report, which is not unnaturally regarded in many quarters as clear evidence of the tendency of America to return to a policy of suspicious isolation, congratulates the State Department on removing the danger and apprehension regarding Senator Borah's proposal, also for the intimation that Mr. Houghton's report must not be taken as an indication of the Government's policy. But it expresses the opinion that the incidents cannot be dismissed as though they never occurred, especially Mr. Houghton's "far too sweeping indictment."



Mr. A. B. Houghton.

The paper says, an Ambassador's summary view of the League as a feeble replica of the Holy Alliance is so briefly reported as to be almost unintelligible. It points out that, as America withdrew at the most difficult time from intense participation in European counsel and has given constant evidence that participation is impossible, it would have been undignified for Europe to appeal further, and the latter set herself to help herself in her own way, but if America is willing to co-operate in other ways her aid will be welcomed.

Meantime, Europe is in no way in such an evil condition as Mr. Houghton paints. "Slowly, sometimes with sharp instructive relapses statesmen and people are struggling to secure a way to forge the difficult guarantees of peace."

Wild Talk.

Washington, March 22.

Whilst official circles are still silent in regard to the nature of Mr. Houghton's report to President Coolidge, the newspapers are apparently startled by the sensation created in Europe and are now endeavouring to allay European apprehensions.

The New York World suggests that Europe would do well to take the wild talk about the report less seriously.

The New York Times also urges Europe not to get excited over "inconsequential events or sayings over here."

Administration Attacked.

Washington, March 22.
The conflicting mass of rumour, speculation, and comment, recently aroused by newspaper reports of Mr. A. B. Houghton's alleged conversations with President Coolidge on the subject of the present trend of European politics, has finally reached the floor of the Senate.

The Democrat, Mr. Harrison (Mississippi) vigorously attacked the Coolidge Administration which had "gone back to the old order of secret diplomacy behind closed doors."

Another Democrat, Mr. Walsh, raised the question of the Italian debt, in regard to which he asked the Senate to take note of the reports that President Coolidge had been officially informed that "the whole of Europe regarded Signor Mussolini with the utmost distrust."

Senator Borah referred to the recent impasse in Geneva and claimed that Brazil received the silent support of powerful nations in blocking Germany's admission to the Council.

16 WOMEN DROWNED.

(Reuter's Service.)

Tokyo, March 18.
It is reported from Sasebo that yesterday afternoon a motor boat containing eighteen women passengers, collided with a trawler with the result that 16 women were drowned and 2 were seriously injured.

The trawler was seriously damaged, but the fate of the motor boat was not stated, although it was presumed to have sunk.

THREE MILE LIMIT.

CLAIMS FOR AN EXTENSION OPPOSED.

BRITAIN'S ADHERENCE.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, March 22.
In the House of Commons Commander Kenworthy, Liberal member for Central Hull, asked what was being done with regard to the claims of Norway, Iceland, and other countries to extend the three mile limit beyond which deep-sea fishing was permitted to all nations?

Mr. Godfrey Locker-Lampson, Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, said that the limit of territorial waters was a matter of international law. The British Government would adhere to the rule of limiting territorial waters to three miles from the coast at low water mark, and would continue to resist any claims for an extension of that limit.

WETS V. DRIES.

A DISCUSSION IN PUBLIC ARRANGED.

PROGRAMME APPROVED.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Washington, March 22.
The Judiciary Committee of the Senate has approved of the programme for a public discussion on April 5 before a special Committee of the proposals for modifications of Prohibition.

Each will side have six days to present its case. The "wets" will begin.

OIL LEASES.

PROTRACTED PROCEEDINGS IN AMERICA.

(Reuter's Service.)

Washington, March 22.
The United States Supreme Court has granted a review of the Doherty oil lease case, which first came into prominence in April last year.

FRENCH ARMY.

PERIOD OF SERVICE TO BE REDUCED.

(Hayas Agency.)

Paris, March 22.
The Ministry of War is completing a Bill for reducing military service from 18 to 16 months, with the hope to lower it ultimately to 12.

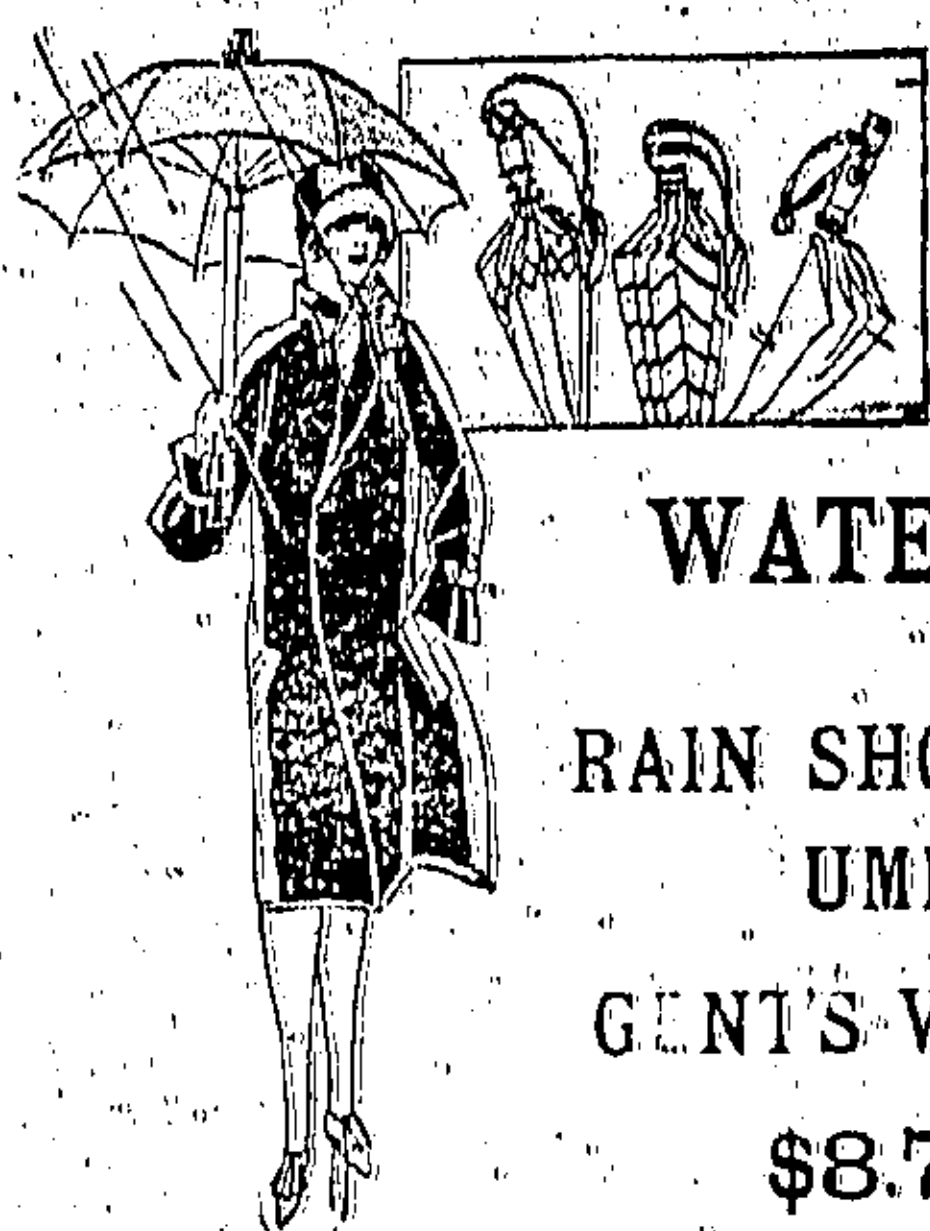
After reorganisation the Army will probably comprise twenty Metropolitan divisions, four North African Divisions and four Colonial Divisions.

SOVIET AFFRAID.

NO DELEGATES ON SWISS SOIL.

(Reuter's Service.)

Geneva, March 22.
In conformity with the decision of the League Council, the Secretariat has again invited the Soviet to participate in a preparatory conference, pointing out that the Swiss Government has given an assurance that the Soviet delegates will be granted the same facilities on entering Switzerland and the same immunities and protection as other delegates.



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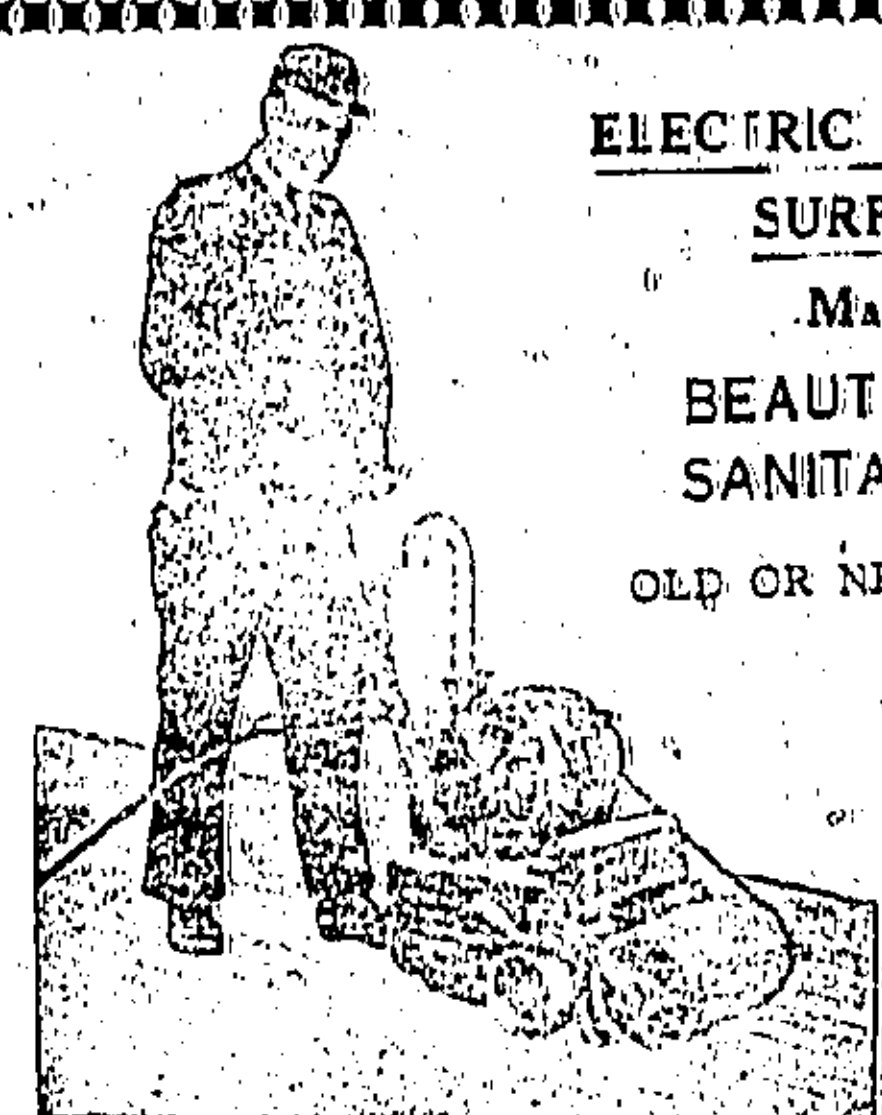
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People and Events in the News of the World



HELEN GOLDSTEIN & MILDRED LUONGO.

Helen Goldstein and Mildred Luongo, both under twenty, are held without bail by New York police who charge that they assisted four young "sheik" bandits in a series of daring hold-ups.



NOAH W. COOPER.

Noah Cooper, once a candidate for the Governorship of Tennessee, called on President Coolidge to urge the adoption of "blue laws" in Washington, D.C.



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Governor Gifford Pinchot, Pennsylvania, severely criticised the State Committee on Mining for delaying action on his measure to make anthracite mining a public utility. H. S. Morris is the new president of the Industrial Court of Great Britain. Prince Nicholas, of Rumania, will become Regent of Rumania upon the death of the present King. President Ljaptschoff, of the Bulgarian Ministry, is head of the new Cabinet.



SEN. ROYALL COPELAND.



VICE-PRES. CHARLES DAWES.



MARSHAL FOCH.



SEN. JAMES A. REED.

Senator Copeland, New York, and Senator James A. Reed, Missouri, "barged" Vice-President Dawes in the United States Senate for a radio speech, criticising procedure of that body. Marshal Foch, of France, has just been granted an increase in Army pay which brings his salary to about £600 a year.



CROWN PRINCESS OF SWEDEN.

The Crown Prince and Princess of Sweden will visit America this summer. They will motor through New England, thence to Minnesota, Yellowstone Park, Salt Lake City, Los Angeles and San Francisco. The Princess formerly was Lady Louise Mountbatten.



PRINCESS ASTRID.

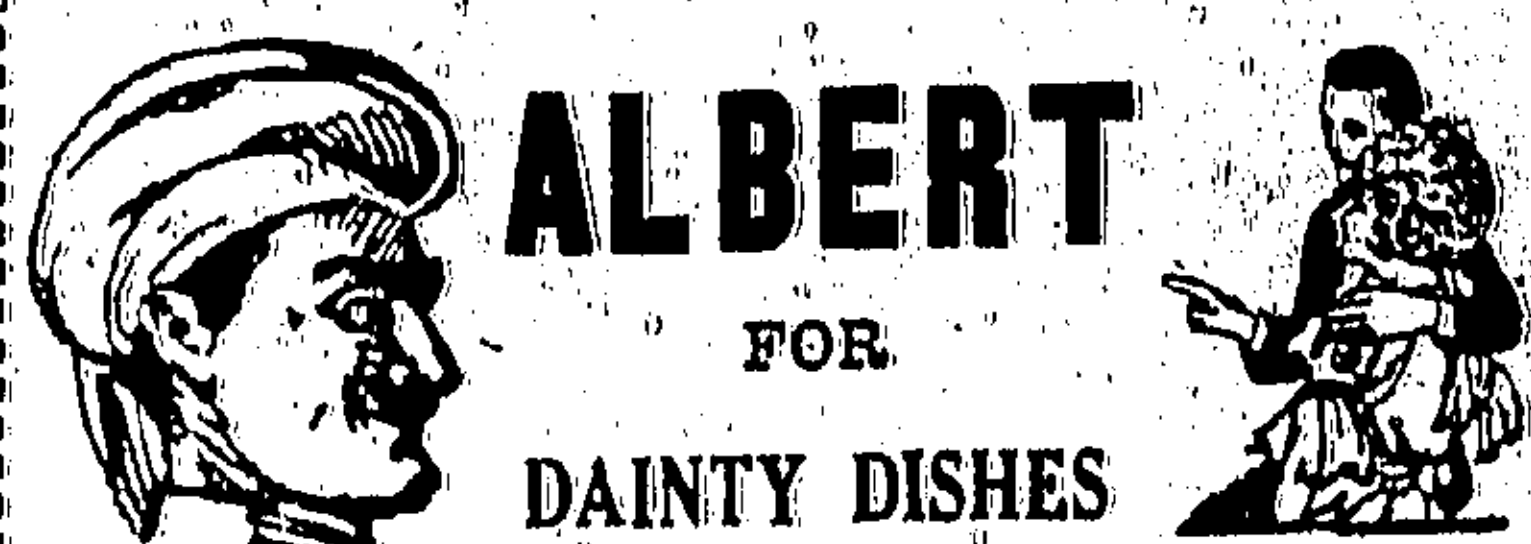
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A POPULAR MISCONCEPTION.

Anyone who possesses, or is supposed to possess, some special knowledge of Far Eastern affairs must be struck by the frequency with which he is met by the question, "When is China going to settle down?" or words to that effect. The constant recurrence of questions of this kind is evidence (says Mr. J. O. P. Bland in the "N. C. Daily News") of a very wide-spread misconception concerning the real nature of the disease from which China's body politic is suffering—a misconception which, like many others, arises from the neglect of rudimentary political economy and sociology in our system of national education.

It is generally assumed by those who ask when China is going to settle down that the chaotic conditions which have existed and increased since the overthrow of the Monarchy in 1912 are mostly transitory disorders, natural enough in the early stages of a nation's post-revolution development. There is also a marked tendency to believe (the wish being father to the thought) that under the beneficent influences of Western culture and democratic institutions these disorders must speedily disappear and representative government eventually be established to the great benefit of the Chinese people. It is difficult to persuade those who have not given these matters serious thought that the causes of unrest and civil strife in China are deep-rooted in the life of the nation (the strongest racial type on earth), and that it is impossible to effect any rapid modification of the type of a social structure, either by political revolutions or by the application of imported fortune and codes of law.

Only Possible Government.

It is becoming increasingly evident that nothing can be done by the Powers to put an end to the present anarchy in China until they grasp and hold firmly the fundamental truth, proclaimed in every line of Chinese history, that only under an autocratic form of government can the warring factions be suppressed and tranquillity restored to the long-suffering people. All talk about the abolition of liken, extraterritoriality, or opium; all professions of sympathy with Young China's aspirations and denunciations, are sheer waste of time, so long as this truth remains tacitly ignored. The Augean stables cannot be cleansed with a cup of rosewater.

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Senator Cole L. Blaine, of South Carolina, spoke strongly about the regulations which permit foreign Ambassadors to have and dispense liquor without restraint, while Americans are thrown in jail for mere possession.

BOXER INDEMNITY.

COMMISSION NOW MEETING
IN SHANGHAI.

PENDING TOUR OF CHINA.

Formal meetings of the British Boxer Indemnity Commission are being held daily at the Commission's headquarters at the Kalee Hotel under the chairmanship of Lord Willingdon, says the "North China Daily News" of March 18. The Commission will not be able to announce its determinations for some time, as it is at present devoting itself principally to an examination of the applications and proposals from public bodies, organisations, etc.

Before making its report, the Commission will visit various parts of China. Although it has not yet been definitely decided which cities are to be visited first, it is probable that the Commission will go to Hongkong and Canton before the end of the month and that later cities in North and Central China will be included in the itinerary. In these cities, various institutions of learning will be inspected, but the main purpose of the trips about the country is to give the Commission, as a whole, an opportunity to find out local conditions and to learn what public opinion is in various parts of the country. The Commission apparently desires to have first hand information as to how all parts of China prefer to have the British share of the Boxer Indemnity spent.

A reception to Chinese and foreign editors will be given by the Commission at which all the members will be present. It is important to note in this connection that although the full Commission consists of 11 members, a majority are in China at the present time and that of the six members here, three are Chinese who have an equal vote and equal authority with the British members. The suggestion, which has been made in certain quarters, that the Chinese members are only serving in an advisory capacity is altogether untrue.

lin of Manchuria and the Model Tsuchun of Shansi may succeed in keeping something like order within the limits of the territories which they rule, but China as a whole must continue to be a land of treasons, stratagems, and spoils. Let this simple truth of the matter once be recognised by the Powers, whose first and last object in China is the maintenance and security of their trade, and the futility of the benevolent platitudes recorded in the Washington Treaties becomes at once apparent. What is needed, if China is to be saved from herself, is, for the present, firm insistence on the observance of the existing treaties pending the restoration of duty and tranquillity by the strong hand of competent authority.

Wanted—a Man.

The most discouraging feature of the present situation is that during ten years' turmoil of strife between the various groups of political adventurers and predatory chieftains, no leader has emerged to achieve pre-eminence of the kind which would win the loyalty of the literati, the good will of the merchants and gentry, and the obedience of the masses. Since the death of Yuan Shih-kai there has been no figure on the Chinese stage to compare with the great Viceroys of the old regime, or commanding personality to serve as a rallying-point for the law-abiding majority of the nation. Twenty-four years ago Sir Robert Hart deprecated the activities of the anti-dynastic element of Young China, and advocated "patching up the Manchu rule" on the ground that there was "no man of mark whom all China would accept as the founder of a new dynasty." Ten years later Liang Ch'i-ch'ao, a famous scholar and historian, declared that "the end of the disturbances created by the Revolution would be a Constitutional Monarchy, which would be brought about by one man, not at present on the stage."

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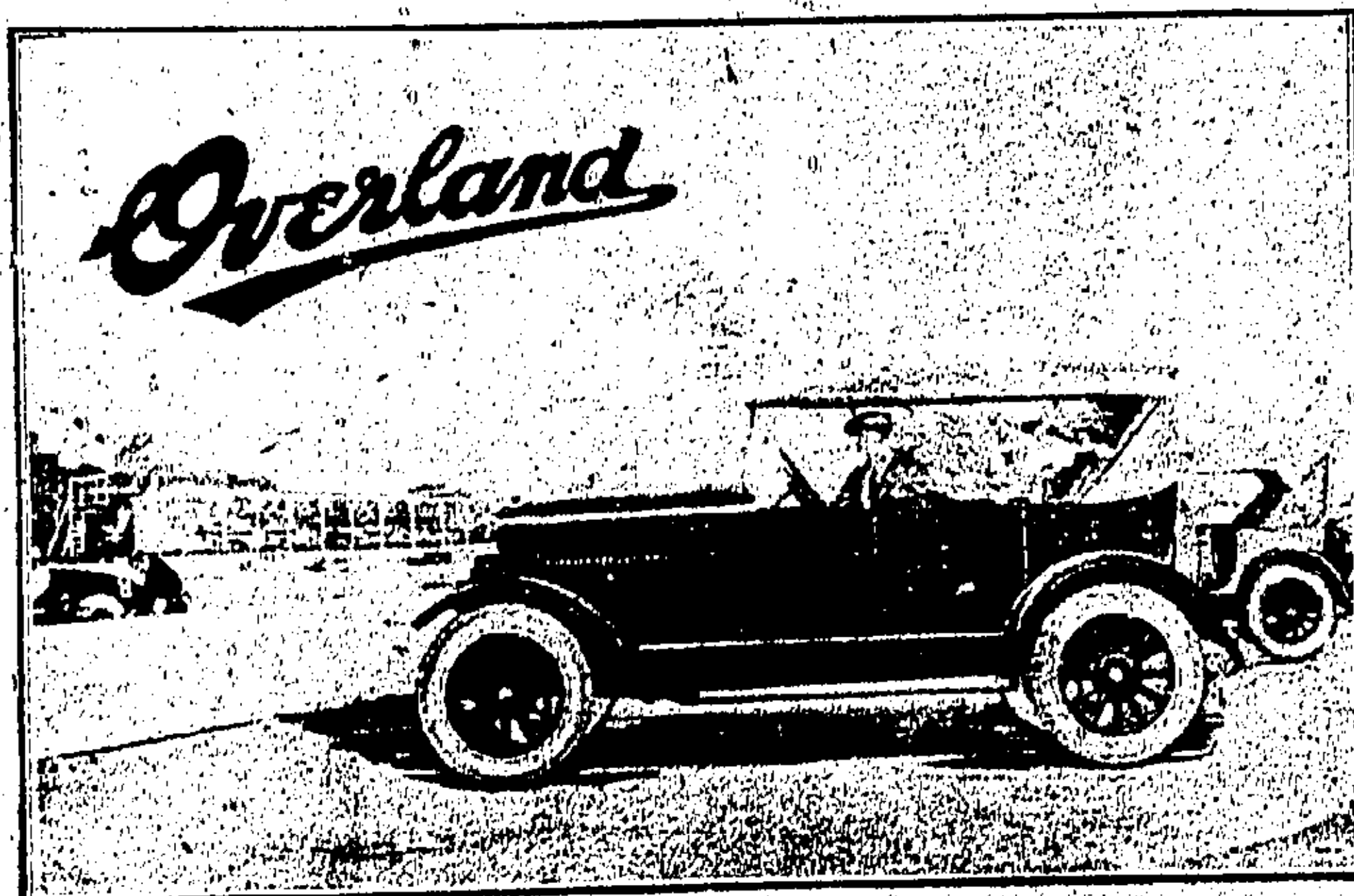
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